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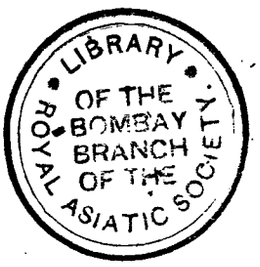

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OF

1698.

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[*From January 13 1691 to December 31, 1698.*]

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 169$\frac{7}{8}$*——

The Consultation Book and Diary of the Hon^{ble}: Nathaniel Higginson Esq^{r}: Lieutenant Generall of India & Governour: of Fort S^{t}: George &c^{a}: Councill their Proceedings and Transactions for the affairs of the R^{t}: Honourable: English East India Company, Begun the 12th of January 1697.

12. Delivered a Passe to Brigantine Olive Branch John Furcaud master bound on a trading voyage.

ATT A CONSULTATION — THURSDAY 13TH.

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{L}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: LIEUTEN^{T}: GENERALL OF INDIA
M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN — M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS
M^{R}: ROGER BRADDYLL — M^{R}: MATTHEW EMPSON
M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT — M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

M^{R}: Francis Ellis pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: 1157: 1: 3, being the balance of the outstanding account of ship King Williams damaged Cargo.

Doctor Buckley recommending his Prentice M^{r}: Edward Rawdon, who has served him above 6 years as quallified for his mate, and one Jacob [Dunot] a Dutch Musteez for an assistant. It is ordered that there be allowed five Pag^{s}: a month to [y^{e}: Mate] and three to the Assistant.

The charges of the Hospital running [very high] Doctor Buckley is desired to consider thereof [and] make a report that they may be regula[ted], in dietting sicke souldiers for each of whom 3 for a day is allowed, besides which the Stewards Acco^{t}: amounts monthly from ten to eighteen Pag^{s}:

M^{r}: Ellis having delivered an account of 8 [bales] of severall sorts of cloth belonging to Ship King Williams returned Cargo, stolen from y^{e}: [. . .] was [hers] and the accomptant having calculated the value by the outcry rates at Pag^{s}: 22:27 fanams. The Secretary is ordered to pay the said sume out of the Talliars money into the R^{t}: H: Comp^{s}: Cash.

The Justices of the Choultrey allso acquaints that there is on the Choultrey one of Timapa Naigue Talliars, upon whom two pieces of [. . .] cloth was found.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: three thousand due on a [. . .] dated the 8th: November 1697, with the interest paid to M^{r}: Stephen Frewen.

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Mr. Fraser, doth in the behalfe of the owner of Ship Tonqueen Merchant, represent to us Capt: Knox Commander of the Tonqueen Merchant when at Bencoolen in 1692, left in the hands of Charles Fleetwood then Governor 6 [pipes] of wine for sale, one whereof appears to have been expended there for the use of the Rt: Honble: Comps: for which Mr: Fraser demands one hundred [Ds:] Mr: Fleetwood not having charged the said sume to the Rt: Honble: Company in his cash account, whereupon the question being put whether the said sume of 100 Dollars ought to be paid out of the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash. It is resolved in ye: negative for the following reason. By the accot: of Do: Fleetwood wth: the Rt: Honble: Company as stated by judgement of the Court of Admiralty now produced, signed by William Fraser, Judge Advocate Charles Barwell and Edward Tredcroft Assistants dated the first of August 1696, the said 100 dollars is actually accounted in the credit of said Fleetwood, and the said account is actually transmitted to York Fort wth: order to give said Fleetwood credit accordingly in their Books. Besides he is by the said Judgement of Court condemned in a large sume wch: he doth not own to have sufficient Estate to pay, so that if wee pay the said 100 Dollars and charge the same to Fleetwoods account, wee shall make a desperate Debt.

The Justices report of the Quarrel at Mr: Kennedy's house being considered and there appearing no evidence of a challenge given. It is resolved yt: they be not presented for the same, but for their disorderly and quarrelsome behaviour It is ordered that Mr: Griffith, Mr: Sewell and Kennedy do not wear a sword within the bounds of Fort St. George, during the term of six months. And that Patrick Dixon be referred to a Councill of Officers to be punished in such manner as may be exemplary to ye: Garrison.

Messrs. Griffith, Sewell and Kennedy being sent for were acquainted wth: the foregoeing order & discharged from their confinement.

Generall letter to the Governour and Councill of Nagapatam relateing to the ship brought thither on the 5th: instant: by William Willocke and another to Fort St: David dated the 12th: Inst: read & approved.

Mr: Thomas Wright read his accot: of the Sea Customs for the month of December ꝑticulars viz[t]:

Custome of Goods Imported & Exported Pa:	805:	33:
Custom of Grain	246:	9:
Anchorage	5:	=:
Freight ship Sedgewicke	1:	22:
Pags:	1058:	29:

In persuance of the Rt: Honble: Comps: orders in [the] 56 paragraph of their Generall Letter by [the] Tavestocke Dr: Brown having been Discharged from their service in this Garrison and an [. . .] made him of being a Chirurgeon of Chuta[nutte] ffactory in Bengall, Hee doth excuse himselfe from goeing for the present by reason of his engagement in practise here.

Capt: Joseph Turner who came out a Passenger on the Tavestocke without signing freemen Indentures, wch: having been required of him [. . .] and he hitherto scrupling to enter into such obligations, and by his common discourse of serving Moors &cs: and the tenor of his behaviour giving us just reason to suspect that if he stays in India, he will not comply wth: the Rt: Honble: Comps: orders nor the same rules which others are under and that he will be very troublesome. It is resolved that an order be given to Capt: William Gifford Commander of Ship Sidney for receiving [. . .] him Passengers for England on Charter party terms, if the said Turner can be induced thereby to return.

Ordered that the Paymaster pay to each of the Honble: Comps: servants who are to proceed for Bengall by Ship Tavestocke six Pags: to furnish themselves with provisions for ye: voyage.

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Ordered that two Hundred Pag^{s}: be paid to Ragina &^{ca}: Washers on acco^{t}: Cureing the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cloth.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS: ELLIS.
R: BRADDYLL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
E. TREDCROFT.

Dispatched Generall Letters to the Governour & Councill of Fort S^{t}: David and to the Governor & Councill of Negapatam both of yesterdays date. 13

Ship S^{t}: Cajeton Cojee Evans Mark Master arrived from Bengall. 14

Ship Fleetwood which sailed from hence on the 9th: Instant for Vizagapatam, meeting wth: contrary winds and Curr^{ts}: returned into the road this day. 15

Received a Generall Letter from Fort S^{t}: David, dated the 13th: Ins^{t}: wth: their answer to the Auditor Generalls paper.

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 17TH.

Present

THE HON^{BLS}: NATH^{L}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: LIEU^{T}: GEN^{LL}: OF INDIA
M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN
M^{R}: ROGER BRADDYLL
M^{R}: MATTHEW EMPSON
M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS
M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

M^{r}: Roger Braddyll, Mintmaster on the 14th: Instant paid into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: Eleven thousand seven hundred.

Vincate Kisna &c^{a}: Tobacco farmers pay into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Companys Cash Pag^{s}: 241: 24 fanams one month on that acco^{t}: ending the 16th: December and Ancopa &c^{a}: arrac farmers Pag^{s}: 150 for [. . .] month ending the last of December.

The Generall Letters from York Fort dated 9th: October, from [P]riamong dated 20th: November. M^{r}: Frith dated the 16th: September, being read, it is observed that the said Letters and Diaries advices the arriveall of the Amity there on the 11th: August and their intention of sending her home full laden by the 20th: October. The arriveall of y^{e}: Bencoolen Yatch on the 31st: August which went from hence in June last. That M^{r}: Frith upon receipt of L^{res}: from ffort S^{t}: George turning out M^{r}: Darley and makeing himselfe Chief of [P]riamong, the Deputy Governour went from York Fort wth: the Amity, and settling the factory carried M^{r}: Frith with him to York Fort, to remain there till the [P]riamong accounts are finished, That the Countrey was peaceable and Pepper Plantations flourish to that degree that after they had secured 1500 Bahar for the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: service, they spared 200 bahar to the Wellcome, That the misunderstanding between the Rajahs doth yet continue, for which reason they forbore to deliv^{r}: the swords sent to Sultan Guillimot and Sultan Addill. In order to a firm union they propound the removeall of [P]riamong factory to Manduta. That the King of Bantam pretending a right to the Island of Sumatra to Cattown, he has sent people to make dissentions among the Sillabar and Bencoolen Rajahs.

The Governour acquaints the Councill that on the 14th: Instant two Moormen & three Siamers belonging to a Siam Ship lately arrived at Pallicat, came to him and made a demand of a Cable and Anchor and Jarrs which belonged to the Siam ship last taken by the Mocha frigat, and which they were informed are aboard the Japarra Ship in the road, and of severall pieces of Paintings and Cloth which they said were in possession of severall persons belonging to the Japarra Ship; whereupon the Governour answered that the Cable Anchor and

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Jarrs were aboard and should be delivered to them when they pleased, and as for y^{e}: Paintings if there were any belonging to them, they might be seen at the Sea Gate if they would goe and view them, being kept there for the right [. . .] and will be delivered when claimed. They promissing to come the next day but did not. Allso William Willcocke Pilot of the Japarra Ship being called before them to know if they had anything to charge against him, one of the[m] possitively affirmed that he was in the Siam Ship w^{ch}: last year went for S^{t}: Thoma and was taken by the Pirate (M^{r}: Frigat) last year near Mergen, and that Willcocke was the man that tooke the Ship, and desired time till Monday to deliver his demand in [. . .] concerning w^{ch}: it is known that this will [. . .] was Master of the Ship satisfaction belonging to M^{r}: Stanley &c^{a}: w^{ch}: sailed in January 169$\frac{6}{7}$ from Bengall and was taken on the 23rd: day of ditto Month near Cape Comerine by the Mocha frigot who had sailed thither directly from Mergen after the plundering of the said Siam Ship.

Hee allso acquaints that on the 15th: in y^{e}: Evening he received a Letter from Amirjean from the Camp, adviseing that the Nabob received the whole present sent him in congratulation of the Conquest of Chingee; but afterwards returned two basketts of fflintware as being not fitt for his use, which seems to be an intimation that he expects something of more value.

Ordered that Christopher Kell be discharged from the gun room crew and Amor de Payvor Entertained to serve therein.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: one thousand be paid to M^{r}: Matt: Empson Paymast^{r}: for defraying charges Garrison.

M^{r}: Edward Tredcroft Land Customer read his acco^{t}: Land Customs for the month December last perticulars Viz^{t}:

Choultrey Custome	Pag^{s}:	366:	12: 65
Triveleicane Custom	„	...:	4: 40
Rubie Broker	„	29:	5: 34
Cloth Brokers	„	13:	24: 15
Exacted by Chellapa of y^{e}: Guzerats	„	35:	=: ...
Town rents	„	53:	=: ...
Fines	„	1:	=: ...
	Pag^{s}:	498:	10: 74

and pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Companys Cash Pag^{s}: 496: 27: 5: as the balance of that months acco^{t}: Thô the Passengers by the Tavestocke and Sidney do declare that they paid twelve pound for their salt provissions in comeing out, yet there being but Eight pounds mentioned in y^{e}: copies of those Charter parties received. It is resolved y^{t}: the said sume of Eight pounds be inserted in y^{e}: Orders given the Commanders, for their returne. There being a List now produced of Eleven persons who designe to take their passage on the Sidney.

There being severall Bills drawn upon us by the Deputy Governour and Councill at York Fort amounting to Dollars 3365, and one by the Chief and Councill of Priamong payable at six days sight. It is ordered that the said Bills be paid at the usuall rate of 17 Dollars for ten Pag^{s}: and that the severall bonds for money borrowed at Interest be discharged as the same shall become due, to prevent the growth of Interest.

The rupees designed by Ship Tavestocke of Bengall being not all coined, nor will be [coined time] enough for her. It is ordered that M^{r}: Braddyll do cause all the Dollars in the Godown to be laden on the Tavestocke for Bengall.

THO: WRIGHT. NAT: HIGGINSON.
M: EMPSON. JO: STYLEMAN.
E. TREDCROFT. FFRANCIS: ELLIS.
R: BRADDYLL.

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Ship Simon William Griffin Master arrivd from Vizagapatam by whome received a generall L[re] from the Chief &c[a]: dated the 5[th]: Instant.

Ship Eagle John Cockroft master arrived from Bengall and sloop Sujeano Fra[ncisco] Cordozo. 18

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 20TH.

Present

THE HON[BLE]: NATH[LL]: HIGGINSON ESQ[R]: LIEUTEN[T]: GEN[LL]: OF INDIA
M[R]: JOHN STYLEMAN M[R]: FRANCIS ELLIS
M[R]: ROGER BRADDYLL M[R]: THOMAS WRIGHT
M[R]: MATTHEW EMPSON M[R]: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

M[r]: Tredcroft reports an answer to M[r]: Coventrys Complaints, as ordered by Consultation 23[d]: Novemb[r].

M[r]: Thomas Wright Sea Customer pays into the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Companys Cash Pag[s]: 450: on acco[t]: Sea Customs.

Upon consideration of the 33[d]: Paragraph of the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Comp[s]: Generall Letter ℔: Tavestocke wherein all permissive trade is continued to be prohibited, being compared with the 52 Par: of the Generall Letter dated the 6[th]: March 169⅘, and the fort S[t]: George Consultation dated the 31[st]: January 169⅝, being now read & considered, It is the resolution of the Councill that Diamonds are not included in the intention of the said Order, and may be laden on the R[t]: H: Comp[s]: Ships as usuall.

There having been two Horses more presented then the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Company allow to be kept.

The Paymaster is ordered to sell them for what they will yield.

Generall Letter to the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Company [. . .] the 17[th]: Instant to Paragraph the 56 and that the Agent and Councill of Bengall of ditto date read.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R: BRADDYLL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
E. TREDCROFT.

Received a Generall Letter from Fort S[t]: David dated the 18[th]: Instant w[th]: their Pacquett for the R[t]: H: Comp[a]. 21

Sloop Narsinga Coorala Verapa master [arrived] from Bengall and ship Gay Gea Rama Rajas Vincana Nocqueda from Barwa.

Ships Anne and Acheen Merchant John Hampton & Robert Masfen Masters, sailed for Bengall. 23

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 24TH.

Present

THE HON[BLE]: NATH[LL]: HIGGINSON ESQ[R]: LIEUT: GEN[LL]: OF INDIA
M[R]: JOHN STYLEMAN M[R]: FRANCIS ELLIS
M[R]: ROGER BRADDYLL M[R]: THOMAS WRIGHT
M[R]: MATTHEW EMPSON M[R]: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

The accomptant having reported his opinion upon M[r]: Ellis Bengall account and all [the] Papers relateing thereunto having been perused, It is resolved as followeth.

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Whereas Mr: Ellis doth alledge that he frequently demanded of the Agent and Councill & warehouse keeper at Chutanuttee the account of the goods which he had received for the 20000 Rs. he lent the Rt: Honble: Company, but did not receive the same till the 15th: November 1694, till when he did not know how much he had received more then the said twenty thousand Rupees, & therefore the sume of Rs. 775: 3. The Interest of the over plus Rups: 7751: 15: 6 from the 25th: January 169¾ to the 15th: November 1694, ought to be charged to them by whose fault the stateing of said accot: was delayed. That the said sume of Rups: 775: 3 be deducted from Rs. 1767: 6 the balance of his account received from Bengall and that a Copy of Mr: Ellis his allegations be sent to ye: Agent and Councill of Bengall & that upon receipt of their answer it be determined whether the said sume of Rs. 775: 3 shall be made good by Mr: Ellis or the warehousekeepr: &ca: of Chutanuttee.

That whereas Mr: Ellis doth claim Rups: [. . .] for Claret bought and spent by him for the Entertainment of the Dutch at Agent [. . .] funerall and at the Generall Table Agent and Councill do allso give us an account whether the same were really bought & spent as alledged. That whereas Mr: Ellis claims Credit for Rupees 350 for a House which the Agent & Councill acknowledge to have taken for the Rt: H: Compas: use, which he alledgeth cost him so much [. . .] is to have Credit for the same as the Agent and Councill shall advise the value.

That whereas Mr: Ellis doth claim Rupees 300 for the Interest of twenty thousand Rupees but the Rt: Honble: Company from the 11th: December [. . .] to the 25th: January 169¾. No Interest ought to be allowed him for the same, because the money is not Lent at Interest, but paid into Cash under a Contract wth: the Councill for receiving ye; value in goods out of the Comps: Investment which was accordingly delivered; and if the money had not been paid into the Companys Cash, he must have delivered it to the Merchants for provission of goods.

That whereas he doth claim Rs. 56 for three years Interest of Rs. 1576 the a[cc]ount of redwood Lent by him to the Rt; Honble: Company in November 1693 which redwood was not ready till November 1696. That the Agent and Councill do give an account of the terms upon which it was lent; and the reasons why it was not repaid sooner.

Mr: Ellis now pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 283: 17: 2 on account Interest due from him by the Bengall account to the Rt: Honble: Company. The new Painters having brought in three Corge of fine Paintings and ten Corge of Courser painting designed for Hangings, which the sorters having reported as entred after this Consultation, whereby they do not approve of the latter by reason of the variety of fancy which doth not allow enough of any one figure for a roome and esteem the former to dear. It is notwithstanding ordered some pieces being now viewed that they be recd: and Embaled at the prizes of Pags: 29 ℔ Corge for the Courser and Pags: 55 for the finer; being estemed cheaper and better then any yet made, and if they are to dear the price will in time fall and the defects in the fancys may be rectifyed by such as understand it.

Further part of the Generall Letter to the Rt: Honble: Company by Ship Sidney read to Par̃: ye: 70.

The Letters from Bengall relating to Mr: Wm: Bowridge, having been perused, the following particulars appear therein Vizt: Letter dated the 4th: March 169⅙. They are informed that Mr: Bowridge hath often conversed wth: Mr: Clive &ca: at Hughly, and went aboard the Ship takeing severall of the Rt: Honble: Comps: servants wth: her. They suspect that he either provided goods for them or sent them home for his own account on ye: Ship. That Mr: Bowridge went down to Ballasore where Mr: Clive expected him. And in their Letter of ye: 27

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May 1697. They are advised that Mr: Bowridge bought a vessell of Clive, which Clive built at Ballasore, but that Mr: Bowridge saith [. . .] Arnoe bought her, and he bought halfe of [. . .]. The proofs alledged are in a paper signed by Mr: Charleton which came wth: the last Letter, wherein Mr: Charelton doth assert that Mr: Bowridge did carry some bales down the river in his Long boat but knoweth not what he did with them. Then Mr: Bowridge had conference wth: Mr: Clive aboard Ship, but doth not know that he had any discourse about trade. Besides which one Richard Ha[rtop] is alledged as an evidence to be examined, but his examination was never sent, thô he was at Chutanuttee from April to September last.

Mr: Bowridge being now examined doth aver that he went down without the Agents leave in a long boat or sloop in which he carryed Bales of Callicoes and Taffities and Patars of Ophium (thô he doth not remember ye: number) and put them all aboard the Northamptom except a few Patars of Ophium which hee carryed wth: him to sell at Ballassore wth: gaine and seeing a ship in the road, which he supposed to be a ship from England, he went aboard and it proved the Interloper Clive just then ready to saile for England. Edward Bell the then Master of the Northampton doth declare that Mr: Bowridge put no more aboard ye: Northampton in the river from the sloop but two Patars of Ophium belonging to the Master & super Cargo, and two small bundles which were delivered to Mr: Soames at Acheen, and that he saw two bales in the Hatch way of the sloop (but saw no more) wch: Mr: Bowridge carryed away in the sloop when parted from the Ship, and Bell doth declare that Richard Hartop was the Pilot of Mr: Bowridges sloop at that time.

Mr: Bowridge doth allso declare that he neither hath done any businesse for the Rt: Honble: Company since he went from hence for Bengall, nor did the Agent and Councill require him to do any.

Mr: Bowridge doth allso affirm that he did on ye: 25th: of September last quitt ye: Rt: Honble: Comps: service and doth produce an account of salary due to him in England for 8 years 3 ms. 10 days signed by Thomas Feake accomptant and allso the Coppy of a Certificate signed by the Agent and Councill the 30th: November 1697. That he owes the Company nothing by their Generall Books. The original of which Certificate he is ordered to produce till [. . .] no resolution to be taken and in the mean time Mr: Wright is ordered to examine one Calamy a ffrench man who was supra Cargo of ye: Northampton.

Ordered that Mr: Empson do tomorrow muster Ship Sidneys men.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R: BRADDYLL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
E: TREDCROFT.

Sorters report of the Paintings.

According to your Honrs: desire wee have viewed the Paintings and find [*lacuna in the original*]. The Dutch Percullas is course cloth but the workmanship good as to the Chay, but the variety of figures and other rambling fancy's, being few pieces cloth in every painting and every [piece] of a different fancy, that there is not enough [. . .] all the parcell to make a Hanging for any [. . .] so that we cannot judge what use they are fitt [. . .].

The Morees the chay and Painting good [. . .] many dull fancys among them, as to the [. . .] unlesse they will come at a Cheaper rate [. . .] your Honr: mentions, we don't thinke they will answer expectation.

FRANCIS ELLIS.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.
MATTHEW MEED.

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Received a Generall Letter from the Governour & Councill of Vizagapatam dated $\frac{19}{29}$ Instant in answer to ours of the 12th.

25 This morning Ship Sidney fired a gun to give notice of her being full.

THURSDAY 27TH. ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTENT: GENERALL OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN — MR:
MR: ROGER BRADDYLL — MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON — MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

In persuance of the order of last Consultation Mr: Wright produceth his Examination of Mr: Calamy relateing to Mr: Bowridge. And the Governour doth produce an attested copy taken by the secretary from the original paper written wth: Agent Eyres own hand and signed by himselfe and Councill as entred after this Consultation.

The information given by the Agent & Councill of Mr: William Bowridge & the examination now [. . .] give just reason to suspect that Mr: Bowridge had correspondence and had dealings wth: the interloper and carryed goods aboard their ship in Ballasore road, but they do not amount unto a proofe in Court, Capt: Richard Hartop the most material evidence having never been examined in Bengall and therefore he can't be thereupon prosecuted the Agent and Councill having given him such advices from being indebted to the Rt: Honble: Company and ye: Certificate of his salary payable in England to ye: 25th: September last, doth prove that he was then discharged, tho they do not advise. And Mr: Bowridge being thus discharged & demanding liberty of going home. It is upon the whole resolved that an order be given to the Commander of ship Sidney for receiving him a Passenger for England he paying the usuall permission money.

Generall Letter to the Rt: Honble: Company by ship Sidney from Paragraph 70 to 88 read and signed. Allso sailing orders to Capt: William Gifford [. . .] of ditto ship read, approved and signed. Signed three Bills on the Rt: Honble: Company for forty-three pound & three pence payable to Dr: John Davis, being for 95 pags: 21 fans: paid into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash by the Lieutent: Generall.

Generall Letter to the Rt: Honble: Company ℔ ship Sidney dated 26th: Instant to be sent by Post, read & approved.

Capt: Gifford being yesterday gone aboard ship [. . .] is ordered that Mr: Empson and the Secretary do goe aboard and deliver the Commander his sailing orders and the Pacquett, so soone as the Pacquett can be made up.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R: BRADDYLL.
THO: WRIGHT.
MR: EMPSON.
ED: TREDCROFT.

The Honble: Lieutenant Generall and Councill at ffort St: George having ordered that Mr: William Bowridge his acco: of Radnagur Investment should be clearedin the Rt: Honble: Comps: Books Anno 1695, provided wee receive no farther information, about said Investment, nor advices from thence, and have recd: neither

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relateing to that matter said accounts we accordingly cleared, and we find the said Bowridge no ways a Debtor to the Rt: Honble: Company by the Books since that time. Dated Chutanuttee Novr: 30th: 1697. [. . .] Mr Bridges discharge.

CHARLES EYRE.
JOHN BEARD.
NATHANIEL HAL [. . .]
EDWARD CO[RMELL].

Received a Generall Letter from Fort St: David date 25th: Inst. 27

This morning Mr: Empson and the secretary went off on board ship Sidney and delivered Capt: Gifford his Dispatch and two Boxes of Books and papers marked A & B and one Pacquet marked C and his Private sailing orders. 28

Ship Sidney sailed for England. 29

Received Generall Letters from Fort St: David dated the 28th: Instant, and from Vizagapatam no Date. 30

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 31ST

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTENANT GENERALL OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR:
MR: ROGER BRADDYLL MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT

All the Councill being duely summoned.

Ordered that two thousand Pags: borrowed of Hojee Abdulla Dooragee Moorman the 17th: of August last the interest be paid to Cojee Gregoree (at the request of said Dooragee) and his receipt taken for the same Dooragee being blind.

The Lieutenant Generall pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: 286 being for the permission of the following persons passage on ship Sidney for England vizt.

	Pa.		Pa.
William Bowridge ...	26	Sarah Pitt ...	26
Elihu Trenchfield ...	26	Eliza: Trenchfield ...	26
Rawson Hart	26	Katherine Pitt ...	26
George Pitt	26	Sarah Brennocke ...	26
Edward Croke ...	26	Catherina, Slavewen ...	26
Thomas Brennocke ...	26		
		Pags.	286

Ordered that Pags: five-hundred be paid to Mr: Matt: Empson Paymr: for defraying charges Garrison.

Generall Letters from Fort St: David dated the 13th: 18th: 25th: & 28th Instant and from Vizagapatam yesterday without date, with their Diary to the 14th: instant were all read and discoursed in order to an answer. The Letters from ffort St: David expressing their apprehension of troubles from Selim Cawn upon the Nabobs conquest of Chingee and various reports of designes against [. . .] and at Vizagapatam from Rustumdill the Nabob of Golconda's son, who is lately come wth: the Kings order to be seer Lascar of the Gingerlee Countrey, both places desireing orders and the supply of men &ca.

Ordered that 40 Candy of salt-petre be sent to Fort St: David by the first oppertunity & Twenty souldiers which are to be returned.

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[31st] Ordered that a Buff Coat & all y^e^: Toyes &c^a^: in y^e^: godown fit for [. . . .] & the flintware return'd by Nabob Zulphakar Cawn be sent to Vizag̃: by the first oppertunity w^th^: 10 souldiers & ammunition.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS: ELLIS.
R: BRADDYLL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
E: TREDCROFT.

31 This morning ship Tavestocke weighed w^th^: a small breez w^ch^: dyeing away before she would gett an offing was forc't to come to an anchor again.

For three or four days past Letters from y^e^: Camp to Persian Inhabitants and other reports mentioned that Azum Tarra the kings second son, who had been so long confined, hath upon the death of Bawhauder Cawn the Generalissimo of the kings fforces and a friend of Shaw Allum's appeared to claim the Crown, and that an army of the Moratta's is comeing into these ports. But these reports want confirmation.

Ship Amity Samuel Hart master arr^d^: from Acheen sloop Narsinga Sankeraya arrived from Ganjam. ℔mo^l^: Ship Tavestocke weighed and sailed for Bengall.

WEDNESDAY 2ND

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^BLE^: NATH^L^: HIGGINSON ESQ^R^: LIEUTEN^T^: GEN^LL^: OF INDIA
M^R^: JOHN STYLEMAN — M^R^: FRANCIS ELLIS
M^R^: ROGER BRADDYLL — M^R^: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^R^: — M^R^: EDWARD TREDCROFT

All the Councill being duely summoned.

Generall Letters to Fort St. David and Vizagapatam dated the 29^th^: past and first Instant read & signed.

M^r^: Braddyll and M^r^: Wright are ordered to provide the following perticulars to be sent by the first oppertunity to Vizagapatam Viz^t^.

China Lanterns		5
Quilts or spreadings Bengall or China		5
Persia wine	Chest	2
Rose-water	Do.	2
Fruit	Do.	2
Broad Cloth fine yellow	piece	1

About twelve Candy of Benjamin of y^e^: same sort formerly bought at 90 Pag^s^: ℔ Candy being now offerd at 75. The same is ordered to be viewed and reported by M^r^: Styleman and M^r^: Ellis.

NATH^L^: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R: BRADDYLL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
E: TREDCROFT.

2 Dispatched Generall Letters to Fort St. David dated the 29th past and to Vizagapatam of yesterdays date.

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Ship Salamat Raw Delol Cawn Noqueda arr^{d}: from Bengall.

Dispatched a Generall Letter to Fort St. David of this date incloseing an 3
Execution warr^{t}: from the Court of Admiralty against the estate of John Fareira.

Received a Generall Letter from Fort St. David dated the first Instant.

Ship Nogede Savaya and ship Mahomode both belonging to the Moors arriyed 4
from Bengall.

Received a Generall Letter from M^{r}: Watts &c^{a}: dated this day on board the Mary Buoyer off Covelan, adviseing they arrived there the 30 past, where they had been detained ever since by contrary winds and that their fresh Provissions was all spent.

This Evening Mussula was sent to them wth: fresh Provissions and an answer to their Letter.

This morning the Mary Buoyer arrived in this road from Tonqueen. 7

ATT A^{T} CONSULTATION MONDAY 7

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{L}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: LIEUTEN^{T}: GEN^{LL}: OF INDIA
M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN — M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS
M^{R}: — M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R}: MATTHEW EMPSON — M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT

All the Councill being duely summoned.

M^{r}: Richard Watts, M^{r}: Lemuel Blackmore, M^{r}: Thomas Lovell, M^{r}: Richard Hunt, and M^{r}: William Warren the Chief and Councill of Tonqueen being returned by the Mary Buoyer, came ashore and deliver'd us their Diary commencing the 27th: July 1697, Ending the 30th: November 1697 wth: Invoice and Bill of Lading for what Laden on the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Companys accounts amount to Tale 5719: 0^{m}: 8^{c}: and Letters from the French Bishop of Tonqueen and acquaint us That the Generall Books of Tonqueen are in the hands of M^{r}: Blackmore and M^{r}: Hunt finished but not coppyed; and allso the Diary of former years, when they are all ordered to assist in, till finished.

Ordered that the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: goods be unladen and the Mary Buoyer do proceed for Bengall wth: an Expedition, and that the accomptant do make up the account: of the vessell to send with her.

The Paymaster is ordered to provide accommodation for M^{r}: Watts &c^{a}: and that they all eat at the Generall Table.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: one thousand be paid to M^{r}: Matthew Empson Paymast^{r}: for defraying Charges Garrison, and Pag^{s} 250 to M^{r}: Daniel Chardin being for one Bill drawn by the Governour and Councill of Fort S^{t}: David as advised in the last Generall Letter dated the 3rd: Instant.

M^{r}: Thomas Wright sea Customer pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a} cash pag^{s}: 987 on acco^{t}: sea Customs, M^{r}: John Foquett rentall Generall Pag^{s} 699 & 9 fan^{s}: on account Quitt rents.

The Paymaster is ordered to provide stores for York Fort according to their List last received deducting what has been sent by ships Madrasse ffrigot and Dolphin.

The Owners of a Countrey ship called the Amity offering to lett her to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company on a Voyage to the West Coast at two Hundred Pag^{s}: ℔ mensem or at twenty-two per Cent frieght for her full Lading of Pepper backe and the usuall frieght for goods and Passeng^{rs}: thither. It is resolved that the sume of 180 p^{s}: ℔ mensem be offer'd under condition that the ship shall be dispatched within three months after her arriveall there, or so much sooner as she can be Laden, which if the Owners agree too. It is ordered y^{t}: she be surveyed by the Master of the Buoyer and y^{e}: Gunner and when the ship shall be delivered by the owners sufficiently furnished for the voyage she be received into the R^{t}:

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Hon^ble: Comp^s: service and dispatched so soone as the stores can be provided and Laden.

Ordered that Boat Cannee be hired to carry saltpetre Coales and souldiers to Fort S^t: David at the rate of sixteen Pag^s: whereof halfe is to be paid by the Paymaster.

Ordered that William Mitchell be discharged from the Gun-room.

Richard Hartop the person mentioned in Consultation of the 27 past, being since the departure of ship Sidney arrived in this road in a Countrey ship from Acheen. It is ordered that the Judge Advocate do strictly examine him upon Oath concerning M^r: William Bowridges correspondence and dealing w^th: y^e: Interlopers in Bengall.

Generall Letter to Fort S^t: David of this date read and signed.

M^r: William Morrice having by a Paper dated the 3^d: Instant requested, that his time of serving the R^t: Hon^ble: Company expiring then he might have the liberty of a freeman in order to his useing the sea to which he was formerly [used] and now declares his inclination and resolution.

It is resolved that he be permitted to quit the R^t: Hon^ble: Comp^s: service so soone as y^e: Currant Books are finished or so soon as he shall require it.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R: BRADDYLL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
E. TREDCROFT.

7 Sloop Jaggernaycoola arrived from Barway.

8 Briggantine S^t: David John Twyman Master arrived from Fort S^t: David. The following Order was signed by the Governour & Councill Vizt: Ordered that the R^t: H: Comp^s: Bales be unladen from the S^t: David Brigantine.

N: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RO: BRADDYLL.
THO: WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
ED: TREDCROFT.

8 Dispatched a Generall Letter to fort S^t: David of this date & copy of our Generall dated the 7^th: w^th: Invoice of stores sent by Boat Chaudre and the Tandells receipt. Allso the stewards acco^t: of Provisions bought for the souldiers sent them by said boat. Ship Elizabeth William Rogers Mast^r: arriv'd from Ganjam.

9. Ship Mahomodee, Chamera Nocqueda arriv'd from Ganjam.

[THURSDAY 10TH] ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^BLE: NATH^L: HIGGINSON ESQ^R: LIEUTENANT GENERALL OF INDIA
M^R: JOHN STYLEMAN — M^R: FRANCIS ELLIS
M^R: — M^R: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^R: MATTHEW EMPSON — M^R: EDWARD TREDCROFT
M^R: ROGER BRADDYLL *at the Mount.*

M^r; Thomas Wright Sea Customer pays into the R^t: Hon^ble: Comp^s: Cash Pag^s: 659 on acco^t: sea Custom and M^r: Thomas Marshall Register of the Court of Admiralty Pag: 200 being the fine of John Wessendonck al^s: Stephenson.

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Mr: Edward Tredcroft Land Customer read his accot: of Land Customs for the month of January last particulars Vizt:

Choultrey Custome	Pags:	316:	10: 55
Triblecane Custome	„	...:	4: 40
Rubie Brokers	„	34:	13: 30
Cloth Brokers	„	2:	27: 30
Town Rents	„	97:	23: 38
Fines	„	0:	5: ...
	Pags:	451:	12: 33

And pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 449: 24: [3] as the balance of that months account.

Ordered that Pags: five hundred be paid to Mr: Matt: Empson Paymastr: for defraying Charges Garrison.

The Persons appointed last Consultation to survey the ship Amity report her to be capable of a Voyage with the addition of a few stores, but upon further inquiry she proves to be a very Crank Ship ill condition and a Dull sailor especially upon a wind, so that she is alltogether unfit for a voyage to the West Coast at such a season, when it is ye: Opinion of those Masters who have most used Acheen [&] the West Coast, that a good sailor can't reach neither in two months. and that the only time for gaining a passage both to Acheen and the West Coast is to depart from hence in the latter end of March and the following particulars being allso considered.

First, Our last advices from the West Coast intimate their intentions of sending the Olive branch hither, by which wee shall probably understand whether the Madrasse frigat came at Acheen for Mr: Soames (which seems [. . .] by reason of her late departure from Vizagapatam) and whether it shall be necessary to send Mr: Soames from Acheen or to send another from hence to settle the affairs of the West Coast.

Secondly, The stores Cloth and Dollars sent them by the Madrasse frigat and the Dollars they received from England by the Amity would be a sufficient supply till May or June next.

Thirdly, It is intended to send 15 (or) 20 Topasses souldiers in which respect along ye: passage may prove subject to many inconveniencys and hazards by want of Provissions or water sicknesse & charge.

It is resolved not to send a vessell to the West Coast till the latter end of March. In the mean time Mr: Wright and Mr: Empson are ordered to treat wth: the Owners of St: David Brigantine for the voyage at a certain monthly pay. The Owners provideing an English Master Mate & Boat swain and Ten Lascars, and furnish the vessell wth: all stores &ca: throughout the voyage, but not to make an absolute Contract, that wee may be at liberty to make use of another if occasion shall require.

The Judge Advocate delivers the examination of Richard Hartop, relateing to Mr: Willm: Bowridge as entred after this Consultation.

Ship Nugdee Savoye mentioned in Consult: of the 19th: of August last, and recommended to our care by the Surat Generall Letter dated the second July last, being arrived on the 4th: from Bengall since which the Sea Customer having furnished the ship wth: Boates for the unladeing of her Cargo of rice, and taken care to secure the Pilots and Nocqueda's accounts which being written in ye: Guzeratt language are delivered to Ramapa to translate which will require time, and the Owner of the Ship having ordered that she should be sent to him to Surat by an English Pilot and his servants sent upon her. Capt: Weoly being supposed the fittest man for carrying her, was now discoverred. But he refuses to undertake it under one thousand Rupees to be paid in hand for carrying the Ship to Surat or at the rate of one hundred rupees ℔ mensem if he failes and returnes,

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which demand is judged unreasonable. It is however resolved that shee be sent to Surat so soon as she can be dispatched w^th^: the best Pilot can be gott on reasonable terms.

The Lieutenant-Generall read his acco^t^: of the R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^s^: Cash for the month of January last the Balance being Pag^s^: 20,451: 23: 2.

Ordered that Nathaniel Barker be discharged from the Gunroom.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R: BRADDYLL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
E: TREDCROFT.

THE EXAMINATION OF RICHARD HARTOPP.

Q.—Did you goe w^th^: M^r^: Bowridge in his sloop to Ballasore.

A.—Yes.

Q.—When.

A.—In February 169⅞.

Q.—Did you goe aboard any Ship or Vessell before you came to Ballasore.

A.—Wee came in company w^th^: the Northampton and parted w^th^: her at Ranga foola by reason of bad weather, otherwise designed to goe over the braces with her.

Q.—Did you put any goods aboard the Northampton.

A.—Wee did.

Q.—What goods.

A.—I do not remember what, but believe twas 3 or 4 Parcells.

Q.—Did you go aboard any other ship or Vessell before you came to Ballasore.

A.—Wee went aboard an Armenian Ship whereof M^r^: Davenport was Master in Huggalee river and no other.

Q.—Did you deliver any goods aboard the Armenian Ship or receive any goods from her.

A.—No.

Q.—What goods did you carry from Chutanuttee in your sloop.

A.—Those goods wee put aboard the Northampton, and some [gance] and about 14 or 15 Chests and fardles.

Q.—Did you know what were in those Chests & fardles.

A.—I thinke there was but one Chest of Ophium the rest I believe was Doreas.

Q.—Where did you deliver those goods.

A.—I believe the Doreas were delivered aboard the Interlopers but did not see them take them out, they sent their Boat for them while I was in the Cabbin adrinking a glasse of wine.

Q.—How long did you stay aboard the Interloper.

A.—One night and one day, and then she sailed.

Q.—When you left the Interloper whither did you goe.

A.—Wee went aboard the Interlopeing Buoyer and went in her to Ballasore w^th^: a french Pilot.

Q.—What did you do w^th^: the rest of your goods.

A.—The Gance and Ophium and one or two small Bundles were put ashore at Ballasore.

Q.—Was there any goods in the Interloping Buoyer when you tooke possession of her.

A.—There was Lead and one of the ships Anchors and two Casks of wine and some Clarett in bottles and that was all that I know of that was in her.

Q.—How much Lead.

A.—I know not.

Q.—To whom did the wine Lead &c^{a}: belong.

A.—I do not know M^{r}: Bowridge told me the Buoyer and all the rest except the wine did belong to Mons^{r}: Arno [. . . .].

Q.—Do you know anything else relateing to M^{r}: Bowridge being concerned with the Interloper.

A.—I know no more.

Q.—Did not M^{r}: Bowridge deliver M^{r}: Clive any Letter for[. . .].

A—Not that I know of.

I the subscriber do declare that my answers to the severall foregoeing questions are the truth to the best of my knowledge, to which I am ready to give Oath, whenever required.

RICHARD HARTOPP.

Fort S^{t}: George February
9th: 169$^{7}_{8}$.
Sworne before me
JOHN STYLEMAN J. A.

The S^{t}: Davids Brigantine sailed for Fort S^{t}: David. 11

Ship Sauhaudena arrived in this road from Catta[ck]. 12

Received a Generall Letter from Fort S^{t}: David dated 12th: Instant. 14
Delivered a Printed Certificate to ship Eagle John Cockroft Master bound to the Coast of Java. The Owners having signed a bond in two thousand Pag^{s}: persuant to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Companys order in the Paragraph of their Generall Letter dated 16th: April 1697.

The Coppy whereof follows.

Owners of Ship Eagle their bond.

Know all men by these presents, that wee John Cockroft of Fort S^{t}: George Madrasse Mariner & master of ship Eagle bound on a trading voyage to the south seas and Nathaniel Higginson, Daniel Chardin, Alvaro da Fonseca, John Affleck & Charles Metcalfe of Fort S^{t}: George aforesaid Merchants & owners of said ship are held and firmly bound unto the Govern^{r}: & Comp^{a}: of Merchants of London trading into the East Indies and to their successors in the sume of two thousand Pag^{s}: of Madrasse to be paid unto their Governour and Councill of ffort S^{t}: George for the time being. To the which payment well and truly to be made. Wee bind ourselves jointly & severally and the Heirs, Execut^{rs}: & Admr^{s}: of us & either of us firmly by these presents signed and sealed in Fort S^{t}: George this 11th: day of ffebruary 16$^{9}_{8}$.

The Condition of this obligation is such that if the aforesaid Master or Owners, do not during the said present intended voyage Commit suffer or cause to be committed by the said ship any Piraticall or unlawffull acts: of Hostillity, nor other injury to the ships or subjects of y^{e}: Mogull or any other Prince in Amity wth: the said Goven^{r}: and Company, nor give any assistance to any Interlopeing or other English Ship not under the Protection of the said Gov^{r}: and Company. Then this obligation is void and off [no] effect, otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtually signed sealed and delivered by the said Master & Owners of said Ship in fort S^{t}: George on y^{e}: day & year abovementioned.

Signed sealed & delivered by the above mentioned.
JOHN COCKROFT & NATH^{L}: HIGGINSON
in ꝑsence of us.
THOMAS WIGMORE Secr^{y}:
HENRY DOBYNS.

JOHN COCKROFT. o
NATH: HIGGINSON. o
DANIEL CHARDIN. o
ALVARO DA FONSECA. o
CHARLES METCALFE. o
JOHN AFFLECK. o

Last night ship Wellfare Andrew Goodman Master arrived from Fort S^{t}: David and Ship Eagle John Cockroft Master sailed for the Coast of Java. 15

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[WEDNESDAY, 16TH] ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTENT: GENL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT
MR: ROGER BRADDYLL *at the Mount.*

Thomas Wigmore Secretary read his accot: Paper for the month January last, and pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: two on that accot.

There having been an examination taken in Consultation on the 10th: Instant, the entry whereby was deferred to further inquirey, since which an attachment having been laiy'd on the estate of Mr Keeling in the hands of Messrs. Watts, Blackmore, Lovell, Hunt, Warren, Weoley and Sams and ye said persons examined in the Court on ye: 12th: Instant, and upon Oath denyed to have any [. . .] Books or papers of Mr. Keelings in their hands as appears by the Court Register now produced.

The aforesaid examination on the 10th: Instant giveing just reason to suspect that the twenty thousand Tale cargo of the Junckes first voyage was sent by Keeling &ca with a designe of putting the risgo upon the Company and takeing the profit to themselves. It is resolved that the matter be more strictly inquired into, in order to which, that tomorrow or the first leasure day be sett apart for their further examination.

Mr. Empson reports the sale of two Horses as ordered by Consultation 20th past) by outcry Viz.

One Horse presented by Cossim Cawn grown old	Pa: 35
One little gray Horse	42
	77

The Sea Customer is ordered to produce an accot: of the entrey and valuation of the goods belonging to all the persons who came from Tonqueen upon the Mary Buoyer.

Hee is also ordered to abate Mr: Winder out of his Bill of Custome and freight amount to Pags: 89: 12:20 for goods and necessaries brought by ship Chambers frigat the sume of three Pags; being for sundry necessaries therein Entred for wch: it is not thought reasonable to demand freight and Custome.

The Merchants having acquainted that for severall months past they have lay'd aside their torne cloth, of which there is now above 1000 Pieces Long Cloth. 800 Pieces Salampores and about 1000 Pieces of Morees &ca: fine cloth which they have now mended and propound, that the Company will either take it, or deliver to them that they may turne it into money, it being of a considerable value.

The sorters are ordered to view and report ye: condition the [. . .] there being reason to be cautious to prevent the Merchants putting a [. . .] upon [. . .] in pretending the Cloth is torne with a designe to dispose of it other ways.

Mr: Roger Braddyll warehousekeeper by his [. . .] pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: 500 on account goods sold.

Ordered that Pags: 10: 7 fa: 58 ca: be paid to Dr: Brown being for drugs bought by him in the Bazaar for seven months ending November last.

Ordered that Pags: 80 be advanced to Comb de vide &ca: Brickmakers for provideing of Bricks.

Mr: Matthew Empson Paymaster read his acctg: Disbursements for the month of December last particulars Vizt.

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	Pags.	
Charges Garrison	954:	22
Garrison stores	13:	31
Charges Merchandize...	16:	25
Charges Generall	452:	24
Charges Cattle	24:	22
Yegmore &c[a] new Townes	=:	18
Charges Diett	308:	23
Ship King William	30:	13
Vizagapatam	8:	=
Ship Sedgewicke	409:	16
Anjengo	285:	8
West Coast	13:	=
Charges Extraordinary	6:	28
Bengall	5:	=
Factors Provisions	401:	=
Fortifications and repaires	53:	24
Pag[s] ...	2984:	5

Ordered that Pag[s]: one thousand be paid to M[r]: Matthew Empson Paymst[r]: for defraying charges Garrison.

Generall letter from fort S[t]: David, dated 14[th]: Instant and received this day was read, w[th] the translate of a letter from Nabob Zulphaker Cawn to Presid[t]: Hatsell demanding the delivery of Cuddalore and Tevenapatam Towns to Gusbar Cawns people to whom he has given it for his Jageer, from whence they apprehend trouble, and desire us to send to the Nabob upon the occasion for prevention of a quarrell. Our resolution is referred till tomorrow.

THO: WRIGHT. NATH: HIGGINSON.
M: EMPSON. JO: STYLEMAN.
E: TREDCROFT. FFRANCIS ELLIS.

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 17TH

Present

THE HON[BLE]: NATH[LL]: HIGGINSON ESQ[R]: LIEUT: GEN[LL]: OF INDIA
M[R]: JOHN STYLEMAN M[R]: FRANCIS ELLIS
M[R]: M[R]: THOMAS WRIGHT
M[R]: MATTHEW EMPSON M[R]: EDWARD TREDCROFT
M[R]: ROGER BRADDYLL *at the Mount.*

The Governour doth produce an Examination taken by him of five souldiers who had Entred into a design of running away from this Garrison viz[t]: Patrick Dixon, Thomas David, Richard Turner, Richard Lee and Matt: Taylor whereby it doth not appear that they had tak[en] full resolutions, agreed where to goe or what course to take.

Matthew Taylor having made a voluntary confession upon Oath, was lett goe at liberty. Davis and Lee having upon their examination allso confessed were only committed to y[e]: Guard. But Dixon and Turner appearing to be y[e]: first exciters and confessing nothing were committed to the Cockhouse, in order to further examination. Dixon being a very impudent, Turbulent fellow and capable of mischief, being disgusted by the late punishment he received, and Turner [being] discontented with an ill wife that he seems resolved to quitt the place by one means or other.

Draught of Letters to the Nabob Emaum [Cooley] Wottum Chund and Amir-jeahn relateing to Tevenapat[m]: Towns, read and all circumstances considered being drawn by the Braminy and Mulla with a particular regard to the idiom of y[e]: Persian Language neither possitively claiming the Fort and Town by right of Purchase, nor acknowledging a dependance on them for a right; but desireing the Nabobs favour that they may remain as they have been, and by the Nabobs answer it will be probably understood what he designes.

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Mr: Roger Braddyll (by his Conicoply) pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: 420. on account stores sold.

Generall Letter to Fort St: David of this date read and signed.

Mr: Keeling, Blackmore, Hunt and Warren were further examined relateing to the first voyage of Junke Successefull Adventure, wch: Examination is taken apart and referred to further consideration.

THO: WRIGHT. NAT: HIGGINSON.
M: EMPSON. JO: STYLEMAN.
E: TREDCROFT. FFRANCIS ELLIS.

17 Dispatched Generall Letter to Fort St: David of this date Incloseing copies of our Letters to the Nabob Emaun Cooley, Wottum Chund and Amirjeahn and translate of the Nabobs Letter to President Hatsell.

FRIDAY 18TH ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR:
MR: ROGER BRADDYLL MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS *indisposed.*

Mr: Roger Braddyll Mintmaster pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 3900 on account of Silver received ℔ Tavestocke coined in the Mint.

Airingapa Naigue brings one of his Talliers wounded on the shoulder, who declares that last night at Cungore (about six miles of [. . .] Chittee usually employed by Timapa Naigue as his Chief Servant, wounded him wither [. . .] and would have killed him, but he [made] his escape. allso that Timapa Naigue [him]selfe came to that place and killed six of Airingapa Naigues people vizt: His [Uncle] Brother in Law Chief Servant and 3 Talliers. Pedde Chittee being sent for, the wounded [. . .] Talliars doth to his face affirme that he passing [. . .] that wounded him and tells history of circumstances. Pedde Chittee doth affirm that he was not out of Town last night, and sai's he can prove it.

Airingapa Naigue sais, that he doth not know of any particular provocation given Timapa Naigue. But desires he may have leave to goe and bury his Uncle and brother in law, which he is obliged to do by ye: Ceremons: of his Cast.

Resolved that Airingapa Naigue have leave to goe out to bury his dead relations he giveing a writeing that he will behave himselfe Civilly, and returne in due time, and that in the mean time, Peddee Chittee and all ye: Talliars belonging to Timapa Naigue in towne be confined to the custody of the Marshall, there appeareing but four vizt: Peddee Chittee, Muteal, Ramana, and Periandoo.

The Secretary is ordered to pay Airingapa Naigue two Hundred Pags: out of the Taliars money.

THO: WRIGHT. NATT: HIGGINSON.
M: EMPSON. JO: STYLEMAN.
E: TREDCROFT. FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R: BRADDYLL.

18 Dispatched the Letters to the Nabob Emaun Cooley Wottumchund and Amirjeahn all dated yesterday.

Received a Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated the 16th: Instant.

19 Dispatched a Generall Letter to Fort St: David of this days date.

20 A Dutch sloop arrived this morning from Negapatam upon which came Munhrs: Ysembaart and Groser and brought a Generall Letter from Govr: [Pitt] dated 26-16.

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SUNDAY [20TH]

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAORDINARY

Present

THE HONBLE : NATHLL : HIGGINSON ESQR LIEUT : GENLL : OF INDIA
MR : JOHN STYLEMAN MR :
MR : ROGER BRADDYLL MR : THOMAS WRIGHT
MR : MATTHEW EMPSON MR : EDWARD TREDCROFT
MR : ELLIS *indisposed.*

Generall Letter from Fort St : David dated 16th : Instant recd : this day, read giveing an account that Seilim Caun sent a letter to President Hatsell desireing that nine ox load of the Kings [. . .] passeing to the Camp, might remain one [. . .] in Cuddalore for security, which being brought in by some Horsemen on the 17th : in the afternoon said Horsemen next morning seized Porto Novo Gate wounding a Corporal, and another person comeing to their assistance, they allso seized on Chellumbrum Point, rob'd the buzaar and carried away three Ellephants. But a party of men being sent from the ffort to the assistance of the guard at Cuddalore, the Moors were beaten out of the Town wth : the losse of Eight men killed five taken prisoners and six Horses. There being one Dutchman a souldier and Capt. Tracy a Voluntier killed and five or six souldiers wounded, and that Seilum Cawn was in person with the routed party about seven miles of, and had sent to Ebrahim Cawn Gurry to come to his assistance.

They desire Eight Guns may be sent them and so many souldiers as can be spared wth : a supply of flints and good musquetts.

They allso write that they have withdrawn all their out guards for the defence of Cuddalore.

The Brigantine being arrived wth : 78 Bales from ffort St : David, The same are ordered to be unladen wth : all expedition, and the following things to be Laden.

Saker Guns	4
Minion	4

Musketts and flints so many as can be spared Pags : four thousand.

Twenty souldiers to be sent.

By the Fort St : David Generall Letter it doeth appear that Seilim Cawn had a reall designe to make himselfe master of Cuddalore, and it being probable that he would not make such an attempt without the Nabobs order or privity, and we have allwais had an opinion that the Nabob would not committ any acts of Hostillity without the Kings Orders. If this proceeds from the Kings Order it may have an influence upon other parts in the Mogulls Dominions. If from the Nabobs own order, it may occasion a breach with this place as well as Fort St : David; or if it were the rash act of Seilim Cawn, yet the Nabob haveing expressed himselfe so long disgusted may probably from thence take occasion to quarrell with us (on account of the Kings pretended treasure and the losse of their men) or demand a considerable sume of money.

The circumstances of all parts of India so far as it falls within our knowledge being considered. It is our opinion that it is most consistent with the Rt : Honble : Comps ; Interest to prevent any further acts of Hostillity if it can be done by fair means and for a reasonable expence.

Ordered that the Paymaster Lieutenant [. . .] Gunner do on Tuesday morning view & report the condition of the Garrison Guns [. . .] &cs : and that the steward do immediately cause a quantity of Porke and Beef to be [salted].

THO : WRIGHT. NAT : HIGGINSON.
M : EMPSON. JO : STYLEMAN.
E : TREDCROFT. FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R : BRADDYLL.

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MONDAY 21ST

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTT: GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR:
MR: ROGER BRADDYLL MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT
MR; ELLIS *indisposed.*

The arrac farmers pay into the Rt: Honble: Compy: Cash Pags: 150 for one month ending January last. And the Tobacco farmers Pags: 241, 24 fans: for one month ending the 16th: January last.

Mr: Thomas Wright Sea Customer read his account of Sea Customs for the month of January last particulars Vizt:

To Custome on goods Imported and Exported this month	Pags:	2,491: 22: 0:	
To ditto on grain	„	527: 10: 0:	
Anchorage	„	64: 18: 0:	
Tonnage	„	12: 18: 0:	
To freight of Europe shipping Vizt: Ship Chambers frigat.	Pags	43: 6: 10:	
Ship Sidney	„	7: 21: 70:	
	„		50: 27: 80:
To goods sold at outcry as ℔ accot: perticulars of wch: ye: owners are unknown	„		9: 35: 22:
	„		3,156: 23: [0]:

Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated ye: 19th: Instant received this morning, read, wth: an answer to it and that of the 18th: Instant.

Ordered that John Root a Dutch Musteez be entertained to serve in the Gunroome.

Translate of a Generall Letter from Govr: Pitts &cs: Councill at Negapatam dated the $\frac{26}{16}$ Inst: recd:.

The Fiscall of Pollicat Dirk Hacaart being joined in the said Letter with Mynheers [. . .] and Grousises for receiving the Japarra Ship. It is resolved that the said ship cannot be [sent] to them till the fiscall of Pallicats arrivall.

Resolved that the Japarra ship be delivered them when the Fiscall comes, they all three joining in giveing a receipt, and that Mr: Empson doe goe aboard wth: them to deliver Possession taking the Master and the ffort Gunner with him.

Senhr: Ysembaart having acquainted the Govr: with his desire of disposeing the ships Cargo[. . . .]. Its judged most expedient that if they take the ship they carry her and the Cargo wth: them and the men belonging to her by reason of some [. . .] which the Siam people have or may make.

Amil Pilla having been employed as an assistant to Chinatombe in the cloth Godown in the bussiness of the King Williams Cargo, Hee is allowed 27 fans: a month for the time of the service, and ordered to be continued as an assistant to Chinatombe he being grown old but a faithfull servant.

Ordered that Gaverapa Conicoply be Entertd: as an assistant to Rama Lingua at ye: Choultrey particularly in the businesse of the beetle.

THO: WRIGHT. NAT: HIGGINSON.
M: EMPSON. JO: STYLEMAN.
E: TREDCROFT. FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R: BRADDYLL.

21 This morning Cojee [*lacuna in original*] Mulla for ye: Persian Language was sent overland to Fort St: David.

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Last night the S^{t}: David Brigantine sailed for Fort S^{t}: David with twenty Souldiers, and a Generall Letter of yesterdays date Incloseing Invoice and Bill of Lading for stores and treasure sent upon her. 22

ATT A CONSULTATION TUESDAY 22D.

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{L}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: LIEUT: GENL^{LL}: OF INDIA
M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN M^{R}:
M^{R}: ROGER BRADDYLL M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R}: MATTHEW EMPSON M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT
M^{R}: ELLIS *indisposed.*

Generall Letter from ffort S^{t}: David dated the 20th: Instant (now received), read. adviseing Selim Cawns advanceing within four miles of Cuddalore with about 300 hundred Horse and 1,200 Peons to make a second attempt, upon which occasion they desire a vessell may be sent (to take the Porto Novo Ships as a means to induce Seilim Cawn to forbear) with severall stores. ✓

Resolved, that a ship be sent so soone as a convenient one can be gott to lye in the road, but that it is not convenient that they attempt the takeing of the ships, which would be a confirmation of all the accusations which have been given the Mogull of the English Piracy, which was the first occasion of the troubles at Surat.

Ordered that by the first oppertunity [. . .] Boat or Vessell to be hired the following particulars to be sent to Fort S^{t}: David: viz^{t}:

Rice good	8 Garse.
Ditto fine	2.
Black Gram	2.
English Powder	2 Barrells.
Mortar shells	100—7 Inches.

Whereas they write for a small brass mortar and shells of 13 Inches, wee have but one Mortar and too few shells of that size to send away.

M^{r}: Thomas Wright Sea Customer pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Companys Cash Pag^{s}: 11,000 on acco^{t}: Sea Custom.

Letters to the Nabob and Amirjeahn dated 21st: relateing to ffort S^{t}: David read. The former representing Selim Cawns [attempt on] Cuddalore, and desireing that a stop may be put to such proceedings. That the Company hath traded 50 years in the Mogulls Dominions and did injoy severall settlements on this [. . .] before the King conquered the Golconda and Carnatta Countreys. That if the King [. . .] not have the Company trade in his Dominion notice shall be given to them for their order to withdraw. ✓

That to Amirjeahn to instruct him to offer 1,000 Pag^{s}: to the Nabob 500 to Wottumchund and 250 to Emaun Cooley, if he finds occassion.

Ordered that one thousand Pag^{s}: be paid to M^{r}: Matt: Empson Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

The fiscall of Pullicat arriveing this morning the Sea Customer and Paymaster are ordered to produce an account of expences on the Japarra ship, which are to be satisfied by mynheer Ysembaart &c^{a}: 22

THO: WRIGHT. NATH: HIGGINSON.
M: EMPSON. JO: STYLEMAN.
E: TREDCROFT. FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R: BRADDYLL.

Dispatched a Generall Letter to Fort S^{t}: David of this days date. Incloseing Coppys of our Letter to the Nabob Zulphaker Cawn, Emaun Cooley, Wottum Chund and Amirjeahn. 23

Brigantine Olive Branch John Furcaud Master arrived in this road from Topettarree [. . .].

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THURSDAY 24TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENERALL OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR:
MR: ROGER BRADDYLL MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT
MR: ELLIS *indisposed.*

Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated 22d: Instant read, adviseing a second engagement wth: Seilim Cawns forces, wherein they were again repelled, but have burnt severall towns wth: in the Bounds, and are informed of more force comeing to Seilim Cawns assistance allsoe desireing a supply of Provisions and stores for men for Gunroome service.

The second attempt gives ground to suspect that 'tis done by the Nabobs order (thô reports give a probable account of an irreconciliation and quarrell between the Nabob and Daud Cawn (the brother of Seilim Cawn) who carrys in the Conquest of the Chingee Countrey (in opposition to the Nabob) and that wee must expect the same treatment here.

Resolved that the following Provisions and stores be sent to Fort St: David by the first oppertunity besides what formerly ordered (Gram excepted) Vizt:

Salt Porke and Beefe.
Shott ffaulkon and [. . .] 700.
Low Minion or three pounders 700.
Saker 1,000.

Laskars and Englishmen to serve in the Gunroome [. . .] and that the same be sent by the Mary Buoyer which is to be detained for passing between them and ffort St: David till the occasion be over having no other ship or Vessell fitt.

Mr: Thomas Wright reporting that Senhor Ysembaart &ca: having viewed the goods that came ashore from the Japarra ship in Mr: Willocks and others chests and Examined them wth: the List delivered, did declare they did not claim any part thereof as part of the Cargo of that Ship, that they might be delivered to the person that claim them.

It is resolved that said goods be not delivered till Senhor Ysembaart &cas: resolutions are declared in writeing.

It is resolved to be convenient, that all the English who live without the Christian to[wn] do remove within the walls, and that notice be given to them by the Councill as they shall meet with them.

The Sea Customer is ordered to make a list of ships in the road belonging to English and the Europe men belonging to them and Mr: Fôquet to produce a List of all the Portugueze in town [. . .] service and that so many of them as are fit for service and will take pay be Entertained.

It is recommended to each of the Councill to consider and advise whatever they think necessary for the defence of the place,

Resolved that the mud walls about the Black town be repaired where there is most occasion.

THO: WRIGHT. NATH: HIGGINSON.
M: EMPSON. JO: STYLEMAN.
E: TREDCROFT. FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R. BRADDYLL.

25 Received a Generall Letter from Fort St. David dated the 23rd Instant.

26 Dispatched a Generall Letter to Fort St. David of ye: date.

27 Ship Elizabeth William Rogers Mastr: sailed for Vizagapatam by whom sent a Generall Letter to Cheif, &ca: dated the 25th Inst. Incloseing Invoice and Bill of Lading for Timbers.

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Ship Aliphante belonging to the Danes arrived in this road from Tannasserree with Elephants.

Received a Generall Letter from Fort St. David [. . .]

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 28TH

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: ROGER BRADDYLL MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT

Matthias Estreen a Scotchman who about ten years past, went hence wth: the Govrs: leave to serve in the Moors Camp, and last year brought his familly here and is now come himselfe, and desireing to serve in the Gun roome is now admitted.

Mr: Thomas Wright Sea Customer pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: six Hundred on accot: Sea Customs.

Mr: Empson produces an account taken by himselfe and the Officers of the Garrison of the stores in the Armory Gunroome and the severall Points and Batteries wch: they report to be in good order, and propound that ye: Garden Point be filled and guns mounted, and that the Battlements of Queens Point be raised towards the Canal and Bridge. That a Chest of Amunition and Granadoes be placed on the Bridge Gate and Tom Clarks Gate and that a Door Case and Cover be made to each which is approved.

Ordered that there be sent to Fort St. David one hand Mortar to throw Granadoes one long [muskett], and so much salted Bief and Porke as shall be ready this day.

Mr: Wright produceth a List of Paddy, rice, Butter, Oyle and salt Provission, &cn: necessary for stores amounting to Pags: 3,000 which are ordered to be bought by the Paymaster and that money be Impressed to him as occasion shall require.

Hee allso produces a List of twelve men belonging to 4 ships and Vessells now in the road bound on voyages, which are allowed of as a reasonable Number. Allso Mr: Stephenson and Mr: Hiller requests that Richard Hartopp may goe and fetch the ship from Chittegam, he is permitted to give and is resolved that no Europe Inhabitant or sea-faring [men] be permitted to goe off shore without order of Councill and that all the sea faring transient men inlisted, and those that are willing do receive Gun room pay, till otherwise ordered and that Capt: William Sams be entertained Gunner of Queens Point at six Pags: a month.

Generall Letter from Fort St: David, dated the 25th: & 26th: Instant read, the latter adviseing that Seileman Cawn has rescued his Camp and is departed for Chellumbrum and that the Nabob doth not approve of Seileman Cawn's actions.

Generall Letter to Bengall dated this day and 26th: Instant read and approved, giving the necessary advice and caution relating to the late passages at Fort St: David.

A receipt given by Messrs: Ysembaart Grousies and Hacaart for the Japarra ship and Cargo and their declaration of quitting their claim to ye: goods brought ashore by the Master and Lascars read. And there is now paid into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: 384: 30.3. being what disbursed by the Sea Customer and Paymastr: on the Japarra ship.

The Mint Master (Mr: Roger Braddyll) read his account coinage of Ship Tavestocks treasure, vizt.

	oz.	dwt.			s.
Dollar Silver	72405.	10.	produced Rupees		174402: 8
	lb.	oz. dwts.			
Ingotts 22—	1210	: 7. 13	standard silver		35471: 8½
			Rupees ...		209874: ½

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1
2 Gold Vizt.

	Lb. oz. dwts. grs.		
Ingotts 27 p^{r} standard	158. 5. 4. 14	Pag^{s}:	18365 : 25
Coins Spanish & French	125. 4. 4. 23		14251. 13
		Pagod^{s}:	32617 : 2

R : BRADDYLL. NATH : HIGGINSON.
M : EMPSON. JO : STYLEMAN.
E : TREDCROFT. FFRANCIS ELLIS.

28 Ship Wellcome Richard Phrip mast^{r}: sailed for Bengall by whom sent a Generall Letter to the Agent and Councill dated 27 inst.

2 The Japarra ship sailed for Negapatam.

2 Dispatched a Generall Letter to Fort S^{t}: David of Yesterdays date. Incloseing a copy of translate of Amirjeahn's Letter.

3 Last night the Mary Buoyer sailed for Fort S^{t}: David, by said Vessell sent a Generall Letter dated Yesterday Incloseing Invoice and Bill of Lading for stores and Provissions.

Rec^{d} : a Generall Letter from Fort S^{t}. David, dated [. . .].

THURSDAY 3RD ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{L}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: LIEU^{T}: GEN^{LL}: OF INDIA
M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS
M^{R}: ROGER BRADDYLL M^{R}:
M^{R}: MATTHEW EMPSON M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT
M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT *sicke.*

M^{r}: Roger Braddyll pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Companys Cash Pag^{s}: 387 : 28.3. on account stores sold.

Generall Letter from ffort S^{t}: David dated the [. . .] Instant, read, adviseing that they are informed that Seileman designes to return wth: great force and give them further trouble and that tis their opinion that the rights of the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company may be still preserved by the mean's of Wottum Chund, and that this trouble might have been prevented had application been made sooner.

Upon peruseall of the Letters w^{ch}: have passed between this Place Fort S^{t}: David and Amirjeahn, wee find that upon the notice given from ffort S^{t}: David of Seilaman Cawns intention, wee did by our Letter dated the 29th January and 19th ffebruary proposed to them the sending of their Chief Dubash Vincate to join wth: Amirjeahn in makeing a present to the Nabob for preventing a quarrel and by a Letter to Amirjeahn of the second of ffebruary ordered him to join with Vincate in observing such directions as they should receive from President Hatsell, and upon notice of Seileman Cawns attempt on the 18th ffebruary and that they did not thinke it safe to send Vincate, Letter were wrote to Amirjeahn and sent away on y^{e} : 22^{d} Instant, ordering him to make an offer of one thousand Pag^{s}: to the Nabob five hundred to Wottam Chund and two hundred & fifty to Emaun Cooley, not esteeming it convenient to give Amirjeahn a boundlesse liberty, nor esteeming that sume sufficient, but in order to a treaty, which Letter was not received before the Nabob had left Wandevas for Vellore and taken Amirjeahn wth: him, which seems to be the reason wee have received no answer, till when there appears no other method can be taken but to write another Letter to Amirjeahn to the same effect as y^{e}: former.

Jemzier Cawn one of the Nabobs Generall having wrote a letter to the Mulla concerning sending his familly hither. The Gov^{r}: thereupon tooke occasion to write him concerning Seileman Cawn's treacherous action at Cuddalore under pretence of the kings treasure and desired his assistance in settling that affair and getting the Nabob Perwannas for carrying on our businesse according to Sallabad

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both there and here. Whereunto Jemzeer Cawn having returned a very fair & kind answer, adviseing that the Nabobs had checked Seilaman Cawn and refused to accept but returned the Elephants'; and promisses to give his assistance in procureing the Perwanna's if a vaquel be sent to remain w^th^: him. Considering that Jemzeer Cawn is a man of interest with the Nabob, and was Assistant to the Dubash and Mulla when at y^e^: Camp in 1695 and desires that some fitting person be sent to remain w^th^: him.

Resolved that Braminy Verdupa be imployed for that purpose at Pag^s^: three ℔ mensem w^th^: the necessary charges of the Durbar.

M^r^: Charles Alleyn pays into the R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^s^: Cash five pag^s^: for leave to practise as attorney in both Courts.

There being no more then 350 Pag^s^: a maund for the two Chests of Branch Corrall and Pag^s^: 105 for the two Chests of Gregio the former lesse then the Invoice price and the latter about fifteen ℔ Cent advance. It is resolved that the same be offered at the following prices Viz^t^: Pag^s^: 400 a maund for the Branch and Pag^s^: 110 for the Gregio, being the most that can be expected, & the latter more then ordinary for the sort.

The new weavours having made musters of Morees, Ginghams, Salampores and Long cloth, for which they offer to Contract. The sorters are ordered to view and report their opinions of the same, compared w^th^: the ffort S^t^: George Musters.

A letter from Airingapa Naigue read which intimates that he and Timapa Naigue have each of them gott severall hundred Peons and that they may probably meet and fight and desireing some money for the maintenance of his Peons.

Ordered that a Bill be sett upon the sea Gate (as follows next after this Consultation) relateing to the goods brought ashore from the Japarra ship, where unto the Dutch Commissioners have quitted all claim.

Generall Letter to ffort S^t^: David dated this day read.

M^r^: Keeling being indisposed, It is resolved that he have the liberty of walking abroad for the air.

M^r^: Francis Davenport having lain in the custody of the Marshall for about two months and no evidence appearing against him, more then mentioned in Consultation of 10^th^: January last which is not thought sufficient ground for a prosecution, and yet having been a notorious ill man. It is resolved that he be discharged from the Custody of the Marshall giveing bond to the Judges satisfaction for his good behaviour and not to depart the Place without Leave.

R: BRADDYLL. NATH: HIGGINSON.
Fort S^t^: George 3^rd^: March 169⅞. E: TREDCROFT. JO: STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.

Whereas there have been severall pieces of silks and Callicoes brought ashore from the Japarra ship in the Chests of the Master and Lascars and claimed by them, which having lay in two months at the sea gate in which time no other person hath claimed any right to the same. Notice is hereby given that on the first day of Aprill next, the said goods will be delivered into the persons who brought them ashore unlesse in the mean time any person shall make known their pretensions to any part thereof to M^r^: Thom^s^: Wright Sea Customer, who is ordered to shew the said goods to such as desire it, and examine their right and title thereunto, that they may be delivered unto the true owners.

This Evening the two Peons who carryed the Letters of 21^st^ ffebruary to Amirjeahn returned and g[a]ve account that at their arriveall at Wandevas, the Nabob was removeing his Camp for Vellore, and Amirjeahn proceeding w^th^: the Camp wrote no answer that in the way they heard that Ram Rajah was gone from Vellore and that the Nabob was following after him by very quick marches as far as Gurrumgunda and no news of any more Morattas comeing.

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MONDAY [7TH]

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: ROGER BRADDYLL MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON MR; EDWARD TREDCROFT

Ordered that ship Olive Branch be unladen wth: all expedition, and as soon as unladen sold at outcry by the sea Customer.

It appearing by the warehouse account that the Pepper last received from York Fort by Ship Dolphin fell short of the weight by Invoice & Bill of Lading Candy 9: 2: 7 : in Bahar 109: 420 besides Eight Candy which the Master one Charnell laded as he pretended on his own and wch: losse is not yet known how it happened whether by short lading at York Fort, short delivery from the ship, or by the roguery of the Boatmen in bringing it ashore, and could not be known before the ships departure because she arrived here in hard blowing weather in October when a Monsoon was expected, and so soon as [. . .] could be unladen was dispatched backe to York Fort, before the Pepper could be weighed nor was there any advice in the York Fort Generall [that] the Dolph in carryed any Pepper backe; thô: Capt: Child doth affirme that Charnell told him there he had brought some Pepper backe. It is ordered yt: the following method be observed in unladeing the Olive Branch.

That the Master goe aboard and by every Boat send ashore a note, writeing No. 1 on the first note that comes from the ship No. 2 on the second, and so on till the last boat, inserting in each note how many Bags of Pepper or parcells of other Goods come ashore, and the number which is painted on the stern of each Mussula, wch: note ye: searcher of the sea Custom house is ordered to receive so soon as the Boats come ashore, and enter all ye: contents in a Booke to be kept for that purpose, and then send the notes to the warehousekeeper, (Mr: Ellis) who is likewise to enter the contents thereof in a Booke and to compare wth: the searcher and master, which method is allways to be observed in the unladeing the Rt: Honble: Comps: ships or goods and the like in Ladeing Vizt: That the warehousekeepr: send wth: every Boat a note expressing therein the parcells and the number of the Mussulla; which note the searcher is to enter. The Master or Boatswain to returne a receipt expressing the parcells received and the number of the Mussula; which the searcher is to receive as the Boats come ashore and examine by his Entries and deliver the receipt to the warehouse keeper, who is to enter the contents of the notes Daily, in such manner that he may be in a readiness to compare wth: the searcher & Mussula. That the warehousekeeper cause a Packer to be sent aboard the Olive Branch to sew up ye: mouths of all the bags of Pepper, and mend them if [defective] to prevent the Mucquaws stealing.

The Generall Letter now received from York Fort dated the 19th January last, wth; the Pacquett being large and consisting of many Papers. It is resolved that they all be perused by each of the Councill at leasure against Monday the 14th Instant, and that in the mean time, wee all consider what is requisite to be resolved relateing to the affairs of the West Coast particularly concerning Mr: Frith and whether there doth appear reason for [ex]secuting our former intentions of sending Mr: Soam's supravisor.

Generall letter from Fort St: David dated 5th Instant, now received, read. Cojee Panus and Cojee Saffur Armenians having represented that there hath been three Bales of Gurras brought ashore from their ship St: [. . .] part of their Bengall Cargo designed for Manilla against their order and by mistake instead of ffreighters goods, which they desire may be unladen without opening or paying Custom. The Sea Customer is ordered to permit them to be reladen accordingly.

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John ffen is Entertained from the first Instant in the gun room (when his entry was omitted) and Thomas Pritchard now returned from York Fort a discarded Serjeant and Richard Barker. [9TH]

The Examination taken in Consultation relateing to Mr: Keeling, Blackmore, Hunt and Warren, having been delivered to the Attorney Generall, and he having from thence extracted the draught of a charge agst: them, and now produceing it and the same being read. It is ordered that he enter and prosecute an action against them for twelve thousand Pags: and that their own Entry of appearance be accepted, being not capable of finding Bail.

Mr: Roger Braddyll warehousekeepr: read his accounts for the months of December & January Last.

Mr: Thomas Wright Sea Customer pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 240 on accot: Sea Customs.

Ordered, that all the goods received from Tonqueen by the Mary Buoyer (except goods for Europe Iron & sound remnants of scarlett &ca: fine cloth for Presents) be sold by Mr: Braddyll at outcry on Thursday the 10th Instant, for wch: Bills have been sett on the Sea gate last weeke in severall Languages in persuance of a former resolve in Consultation Omitted to be entred.

THO: WRIGHT. NAT: HIGGINSON.
M: EMPSON. JO: STYLEMAN.
E: TREDCROFT. FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R: BRADDYLL.

Received a generall letter from Fort St. David dated the 7th: Inst. Dispatched Generall letter to Fort St. David of yesterdays and this days date.

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY [10TH]

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENERALL OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT

All the Councill being duely summoned.

The Lieutenant Generall read his account to the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash for the month of February last, the balance being Pags: 4749 and Thomas Wigmore Secretary his accounts Passes for Ditto month, and pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 7: 12 fans: on that account.

Mr: Matthew Empson Paymaster read his accot: disbursements for the month of January last particulars Viz:

Charges Garrison	Pags: 953 : 29 :	
Yegmore &cs: Towns	: 18 :	
Charges Generall	438 : 11 :	
Charges Merchandize	195 : 16 :	
Charges Cattle	26 : 3 :	
Charges Diett	290 : 10 :	
Charges Extraordinary	7 : 25 :	
Ship Sedgewicke	122 : 14	
Bengall	29 : =	
West Coast	19 : =	
Vizagapatam	8 : 12 :	
Presents to the Nabob	210 : 14 :	
Ship King William	2 : 7 :	
Fort St: David	5 : 33 :	
Fortifications & repairs	54 : 35 :	
	Pags: 2364 : 11 :	

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Isaac Berkley and Henry Cormell desireing Liberty to goe a voyage to Bengall by the Brigantine Olive Branch, they are permitted to goe.

Mr: Edward Tredcroft Land Customer read his accot: Land Customs for the month of ffebruary last particulars Vizt:

Choultrey Custome	Pags:	316 : 12 : 40 :
Trivelecane Custome		: 03 : 30 :
Rubie Brokers		26 : 31 : 20 :
Cloth Brokers		13 : 13 : 63 :
Town rents		156 : 2 : 35 :
	Pags:	512 : 27 : 28 :

and pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pa. 511 : 23 : 1 as the balance of that months account.

The sorters report the musters of the new weavrs: cloth, upon which discoursed in order to the makeing a Contract with them for Long cloth, and Ginghams, and Morees for Paintings.

THO: WRIGHT. NATH: HIGGINSON.
M: EMPSON. JO: STYLEMAN.
E: TREDCROFT. FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R. BRADDYLL.

11 The St. David Brigantine arrived from Fort St. David laden wth: the Rt: Honble: Companys Merchants bales.

12 This evening Ships George William Brookes Master and ship Wanstead Thomas Lane Master arrived from Bengall by the former received a Generall Lre from the Agent &cs: dated [*lacuna in original*]. Incloseing Invoice and Bill of Lading for 2,500 bags of saltpetre laden wth: ffreight on Ship George wth: other papers according to list, upon said ship came Mr: Ravenhill.

MONDAY [14TH] ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTENT: GENL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT

All the Councill being duely summoned.

MR: Joseph Hynmers presents a petition dated this day, requesting to be discharged from the Rt: Honble: Comps: service and to enjoy the Priviledge of a freeman, having served out his Covenanted time to the Rt: Honble: Company. An answer thereunto is referred till a peruseal of the Rt: Honble: Companys orders.

The Sea Customer reporting that having this day exposed ship Olive Branch to sale by outcry none offered more for her than 150 Pags: for her stores being quite worn out and the ship unfitt for service without great repairs.

It is resolved that she be brought ashore broke up, and the stores sold by themselves at an outcry. The Timbers and Plank fitt for Carpenters work, be received for that use and the rest for firewood. The Paymaster paying for the same by valuation, that the ship may have Creditt and the Gunner is ordered to take care and see the same done, and to employ the ffort Lascars for that service.

The Attorney Generall pays into the Rt: H: Companys Cash Pags: 197 : 22 : 3 in part of Ancos' fine for three hundred Pags: for the remaining part whereof Bond is taken.

Mr: Thomas Wright Sea Customer pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 870 on account Sea Custome.

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Ordered that the following Bills drawn by the Deputy Governour and Councill of York Fort (as advised in their Generall Letter dat: 19th: January 169⅞) be paid at 17 Dollrs: ℔ 10 Pags:

To Thomas Harris 2 Bills dat: 13th: & 19th: Janry: for Dolls:	300 P:	176 : 17
To Thomas Wigmore 1 Bill dat: 18 ditto	300 P:	58 : 29
Dollrs:	400 P:	235 : 10 : 8

The Fort St. David Generall Letter dated 3rd: Febry: past desireing that Capt: Warlinghoffe may be sent thither to assist in the Pagerring [*Sic*] of Cuddaloor for its better defence. It is ordered that he proceed thither by the St: David Brigantine.

Ordered that two thousand five hundred Bags of saltpetre sent from Bengall by ship George on freight be unladen and the freight paid in specie twenty ℔Cent as provided by Bill of Lading and that 30 bundles of road Iron and 20 Barrells of Nails etc: which were June last sent from Bombay to Bengall & now sent from thence on Ship Wanstead on freight and the freight referred to us as [. . .] to Mary.

Ordered that Thomas Lovell be assistant to the godownkeeper of goods for Europe and Mr: George Shaw who now officiates there to be assistant to the godownkeeper of Europe &cs: goods for sale.

Discoursed further concerning the affairs of the West Coast. Instructions to be given to Vincatee goeing to the Nabobs Camp, which is referred till advices received whither it is gone and concerning the Morattas.

Ordered that silk worms received from Bengall, be sent to Fort St. David by the first oppertunity. Allso thirty or forty Candy Jaggery, if procureable at or near four Pags: ℔ Candy.

THO: WRIGHT. NATH: HIGGINSON.
M. EMPSON. JO: STYLEMAN.
E. TREDCROFT. FRANCIS ELLIS.
R. BRADDYLL.

Brigantine Olive Branch Edward Bell Mastr: sailes for Bengall by whom sent a Generall Letter to the Agent and Councill dated the 11th: Instant. 14

Received a Generall Letter from fort St: David dat: 12th: Instant.

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 17TH

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: ROGER BRADDYLL MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT

Colla Vincatadry having offered by Mr: Wright three hundred candy of redwood at two Pags: a Candy to be paid for the same in Broad cloth at Pags: 20½ the half piece, which is accepted, our store of redwood being small and the price very reasonable and Mr: Ellis is ordered to receive the same and when weighed of to give an account to Mr: Braddyll who is to deliver Broad cloth at the forementioned price to the amount, makeing reasonable allowce: for any pieces that are damaged.

Mr: Blackmore produces the Tonqueen Journal and Ledger letter Y. Ending July 1697 and Letter Z Ending November 1697, with the accounts of Cash and Petty Disbursements belonging thereunto which are delivered to the accomptant to examine.

Mr: Blackmore standing Debtor in Books Lre: Z Tale 1668: 4 m: 1 ca: which he alledgeth was a debt charged by Mr: Keeling in former Books which his [Journal] doth acct: against. It is ordered that he produce to us the state of his account as he makes it himselfe wth: his reasons for disallowing the entry in the Generall Books.

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Mr: Watts and Mr: Lovell produce an account of 345 Dutch Dollars Expended at Malacca on the Mary Buoyer and for fresh Provissions wch: is allowed and ordered that Pags: 20·18 fans: be paid to Mr: Thomas Lovell being for 41 Dollars balance due to him.

Mr: Hiller having produced a List of severall Debts due to him for wine Licences for the two past years wch: he alledgeth severall persons did refuse to pay pretending losse by their Licence.

The said account is delivered to the Justices of the Choultrey to send for and examine them and cause them to pay to Mr: Hiller what shall appear to be due from each of them.

Mr: Ellis reports the weight of Pepper recd: from York Fort by the Olive Branch to be Candy 104: 5 md. Out of which he is ordered to deliver Capt: Child his proportion for Eight Candy. It appearing by the York Fort Cash booke that he bought and paid for so much.

THO: WRIGHT. NATH: HIGGINSON.
M: EMPSON. JO: STYLEMAN.
E. TREDCROFT. FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R: BRADDYLL.

18 Dispatched a Generall Letter to fort St: David dated this day.

19 Received a Generall Letter from fort St: David dat: 17 Inst: ship ffleetwood Robert Coffee master arrived from Vizagapatam by whom received a Generall Letter from the Chief &cs: dated the [*lacuna in the original*].

20 Received a Generall Letter from the Chief and Councill of Vizagapatam dated the 28th: ffebruary wth: Coppy of their Diary and Consultation from the 15th January last to the last of ffebruary.

21 Brigantine St: David Edmund fford master sailed for Fort St: David by whom sent a Generall Letter dated the 19th Instant Incloseing Invoice and Bill of Lading. Upon said vessell Capt: Worlinghoffe tooke his Passage.

TUESDAY 22ND ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENERLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT

All the Councill being duely summoned.

Mr: Roger Braddyll Mintmaster by the Mint Braminy pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: 284: 4: 60 on account Custom for Gold coined in the Mint and Pagods: 17: 2 fanams as the Balance of the account of Gold received by the Tavestocke and coined in the Mint. Allso Pags: 500 by his Conicoply on account goods sold out of the warehouse and Pags: 500 on accot: Goods returned from Tonqueen by the Mary Buoyer sold at outcry.

Mr: Thomas Wright Sea Customer pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: 1,800 on account sea Custome.

Generall Letter to Bengall dated the 21st: Instant to Paragraph 31st: read and approved.

Generall Letter from ffort St: David dated the [. . .] Instant read adviseing Seileman Cawns advancing 100 Horse, 300 Foot, Rocketts Ladders &cs: within [. . .] miles of Cuddalore, in order to a third attacque. Allso a Letter from President Hatsell to the Govr: received this day, adviseing Seileman Cawns return to Chellumbrum, upon notice of 1,200 [Morattas'] Horse approaching.

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No news from Amirjeahn from the Nabobs [Camp] since ffebruary, nor any certain advice where he is, till when Vincatees proceeding is deferred.

Mr: Blackmore Petitioning that the action [. . .] in the Court of Admiralty against him &c^{a}: may be heard and determined in Councill. It is resolved that the determination thereof be referred to the Court, and he was acquainted therewith.

Ordered that five hundred Pag^{s}: be paid to Mr: Matthew Empson Paym^{r}: for defraying Charges Garrison.

Ordered that Mr: Richard Watts (dureing his [Stay] here) and Mr: Thomas Marshall be Justices of the Choultrey, the present number of three being to few.

Mr: Matthew Empson Paymaster read his acco^{t}: disbursements for the month of February last particulars Viz^{t}:

Charges Garrison	Pag^{s}:	924 : 21
Charges Cattle	,,	22 : 17
Charges Generall	,,	390 : 1
Charges Extraordinary	,,	9 : 33
Yegmore &c^{a}: Townes	,,	... : 18
Japarra ship	,,	374 : 32
West Coast	,,	12 : =
Fort St: David	,,	527 : 4
Charges Diett	,,	403 : 32
Allowances	,,	22 :
House moveables	,,	10 : =
Vizagapatam	,,	131 : 30
Charges Merchandise	,,	165 : 13
Mary Buoyer	,,	358 : 21
Fortifications and repaires	,,	59 : 6
	Pag^{s}:	3,412 : 12

Ordered that Thomas Wigmore and Mr: Henry Dobyns do make a perfect List of all the Books and Papers fitt to be kept, which list is to be entred in a book to be kept for that Purpose, and all papers fitt to be kept to be entred therein as received.

THO: WRIGHT. NAT: HIGGINSON.
M. EMPSON. JO: STYLEMAN.
E. TREDCROFT. FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R. BRADDYLL.

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 24TH

Present

THE HONBLE NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTENT: GENERLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR:
MR: ROGER BRADDYLL MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT

All the councill being duely summoned.

There having been lately found about two and twenty candy of Powder in the Powder house which the powder maker said belonged to Mr: Hiller who hath for three or four years past had the management of that businesse as assistant to the store keeper, and was brought from thence being a dangerous place for keeping such quantity, into the gunners custody in the ffort Powder rooms. It is ordered that the same remain there till Mr: Hiller shall give a satisfactory account in writeing when and by what it was made, and to whom it belongs.

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Mr: Edward Tredcroft Land Customer pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: 832: 1 on accot: Town Conicoplies duty for three months Ending February last and Pags: 50: 11: 3 to the secretary on account Talliars duty for ditto time.

Ordered that Pags: 428: 23: 2 be paid to yearn [. . .] &cs: new painters for 9 cov: 17 ps: of course paintings 29 Pags: a Corge and 2 cov: 12 ps fine paintings at 55 Pags: a corge delivered in January last and that one hundred Pags: more be advanced to them on that account.

Punapa Mudelaire, Colastre Mudelaire and Pamme Gopal Chiefs of the new weavours having made an agreement for the Provission of cloth. It is ordered that Pags: one Hundred be advanced to them for the finishing their Houses which is to be repaid in cloth.

THO: WRIGHT. NAT: HIGGINSON.
M. EMPSON. JO: STYLEMAN.
E. TREDCROFT. FRANCIS ELLIS.
R. BRADDYLL.

24 Received a generall Letter from Fort St: David datd: 22 Inst:

25 Merchants Letters from Wandivas and travellers report that the Nabob is returning from Seerapa and in the way intends to take in Vellore and is expected at Wandivas in ten or twelve days time. But no Letters or Peons from Amirjeahn, nor no certain advice of the place where the Nabob is. A servant of Cassia Cinguara and a servant of Daud Cawn's comeing yesterday to town spies and Brokers report they are about buying of Elephants, as they pretended at their comeing & that others allso are comeing from the Camp for the same occasion, there being about twenty [in the] town to be sold. The Chief Peon was ordered to keep a good watch upon their actions.

Hojee Mahomod Allee having made Powder & Rocketts at St: Thoma, there is inteligence that they are sent as made to Chingee for a stock for the Fort, and more making. By a Boat on which went the Vizagapatam returned Peons, sent a generall Letter to the Chief &cs: dated this day.

[27] Ship Simon William Griffin master arrived from Vizagapatam and sloop Sts: Maria Charles Landre master from Acheen.

[28] Received a Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated the 26th: Instant.

MONDAY 28TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: ROGER BRADDYLL MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT

Mr: Thomas Wright Sea Customer pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: 1800 on accot: Sea Custome.

A Letter from Amirjeahn received last night read, adviseing that he had treated wth: the Nabob who demanded ten thousand Pags: and Wottum Chund five thousand Rupees for setling the businesse of Tevenapatam. That he is in hopes by Wottum Chunds means of effecting it for twenty thousand rupees to the Nabob and to gett such Perwannas as may prevent future demand and trouble.

Upon a full debate and consideration of the circumstances of the Rt: Honble: Companys affairs at ffort St: David and this place, Vizagapatam Bengall and Surat

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which are all concerned by consequence, and the frequent advices recd: from ffort St: David. It is resolved that Amirjeahn do proceed to finish the treaty he has begun with the Nabob upon the terms he propounds if not procurable for lesse and that Ramapa and Vincatee do goe assist him, the latter understanding the businesse of ffort St: David, and the former the Persian Language and the forms of Perwanna's, and that Broad cloth, Gold chains Looking Glasses &ca: to the amount of five hundred Pags: for Presents to be delivered publickly. The List whereof being now produced is ordered to be paid by the Paymaster with the necessary charges of Coolies &cn:

A [. . . Ad]viseing that Wottum Chund doth insist upon a gold chest 8 Pearls and 4 Rubies the same are ordered to be provided.

Instructions to Ramapa and Vincatee read and approved.

THO: WRIGHT. NATH: HIGGINSON.
M. EMPSON. JO: STYLEMAN.
E. TREDCROFT. FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R: BRADDYLL.

Dispatched a Generall Letter to Fort St: David dated this day. [28]

The Mary Buoyer George Weoley Master arrived from Fort St: David by whome received a generall letter dated the 26th: Instant Incloseing Invoice and Bill of Lading for I4 Bales. [29]

Sloop Diana arrived from Fort St: David.

Ship ffleetwood Robert Coffee master sailed for Vizagapatam by whome sent a generall letter to the Chief &ca: dated the 29th: Incloseing Invoice & Bill of Lading for Cotton. [30]

[. . .] master arrived from China.

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY [31]

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: ROGER BRADDYLL MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT

Mr: John Styleman and Mr: Matthew Empson indisposed. Ancopa &ca: arrac farmers pay into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 150 on that account for one month ending the last of ffebruary and Vincatee Kisna &ca: Tobacco farmers Pags: 241: 24 fans: on that account for one month ending the 16th: ffebruary last.

Mr: Ellis read his warehouse accot: of goods for Europe for the month of January (formerly produced) & February last.

Mr: Thomas Wright Sea Customr: read his accot: Sea Custom for the month of February last particulars Vizt:

Custom of goods Exported & Imported	Pags:	2439: 27: 3
Custom of grain	,,	3378: 33: 1
Anchorage	,,	113: =: =
Freight Mary Buoyer from Tonqueen	,,	659: 33: 2
	Pags:	6591: 22: =

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Order'd that three thousand Pags: be paid to Serapa &cª: Merchants in further part of their last contract. Discoursed concerning the Camp affairs, but there being two Letters from Amirjeahn to be translated wch: were received yesterday and today & two of Councill indisposed, further consideration referred till tomorrow.

THO: WRIGHT. NATH: HIGGINSON.
M. EMPSON. JO: STYLEMAN.
E. TREDCROFT. FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R. BRADDYLL.

FRIDAY ATT A CONSULTATION
P.M.

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: ROGER BRADDYLL MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON *indisposed.*

The Governour acquaints that in persuance of the Consultation of the 28th: past. He hath endeavoured to procure the Pearls and Rubies for Wottum Chund, but cannot gett[. . .] fitt under very great prizes which are demanded for picking of pairs out of parcels. That there is no Gold chest procurable till the arrivall of a Manilha ship and then uncertain.

That on Monday the 28th past he wrote a letter to Amirjeahn to advise the receipt of his letter and our intention of sending those things he writes for by Vincatee, so soone as they could be procured which Letter being sent by Ramapa to Cojee Gregorie to translate into Armenian Ramapa returned wth Cojee Gregories advice against sending Ramapa and Vincatee, wth: a Postscript ready written, Ordering Amirjeahn not to expect Vincatees comeing but to go on since wch: he hath fully discoursed wth: Cojee Gregorie the reasons of his advice, and he doth give it for his possitive opinion, that so soone as they shall arrive [. . .] Amirjeahn will quitt the businesse and shew them to the Nabob and Wottom Chund as persons appointed to manage it, that thereupon all the treaties which Amirjeahn hath begun will be at an end and they must begin de Novo, that the Nabob and Wottum Chund will encrease their demands upon them being the Chief Dubashes of Fort St: George and Fort St: David, and will expostulate many difficult points with them which they don't with Amirjeahn. That Amirjeahn having gained Wottum Chunds friendship there is no doubt of a good issue, and if Wottum Chund should be offended wth: either of them he would spoil all, being very humoursome ill-natured and covetuous, and can and will impose or make an end as he is pleased.

That Amirjeahn understands the Persian Language and speaks it as naturally as his own, and thô he cannot read it, yet has acquaintance enough to consult with, that he will not be imposed upon in the wording of Perwannas.

Which occasions the following remarks. That thô Amirjeahn hath been advised in severall Letters of Vincatees being sent to assist him, yet he hath not in any one letter taken any notice thereof, as doubtlesse he would, if he desired his oweing.

That Cojee Gregorie understands Amirjeahns temper and inclination (probably from his private Letters) and supposeing Amirjeahn so inclined his reasons are good, and it seems very probable that Amirjeahn is ambitious of the credit of doeing the businesse himselfe.

That there doth appear reason to thinke that neither Ramapa nor Vincatee notwithstanding their pretensions of readinesse to serve the Honble: Company are

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willing to goe as assistants to Amirjeahn, and consequently there will not be a good agreement between them three.

That it doth appear by Amirjeahns Letters y^{t}: he hath a true notion of the businesse relateing to Cuddalore &c^{a}: viz^{t}:. That such Perwanna^{s}: must be gott as will not onely put an end to the present trouble, but prevent future trouble for succeeding Officers, in order to w^{ch}: he will take care that those towns be not entred in the Kings Books at the first registring of the Chingee conquered countrey, w^{ch}: is the main point.

That Amirjeahn is an able diligent solicitor and the main question is whether he may be trusted in the single management, it being in the power of such vaqueels (and too common) to provide for an advantage to themselves.

The foregoeing being thus plainly stated and discoursed, and the letters received from Amirjeahn on the 30th: and 31st: past being read. It is resolved (notwithstanding the Entrey in Consultation of y^{e}: 28th: past) that the management of the treaty with the Nabob be entrusted to Amirjeahn, and that Ramapa and Vincatee do not proceed unlesse further reason shall appear.

It is allso resolved that the Nabob be put in mind of the bargain he made long since concerning a Phirmaund, which if procurable will prevent future trouble, and seems necessary upon the conquest of Chingee, the Nabobs army having little more businesse to do in these parts against Morattas, and this seems to be a convenient opportunity for [*lacuna in the original*].

That notwithstanding the various reports of the King's displeasure against Assid Cawn and Zulphaker Cawn and his intentions of sending another Suba of this Countrey. Paulo an intelligent Armenian now come from y^{e}: Kings Camp where he hath spent three months, doth assure us that Assid Cawn doth continue as great as ever in the ministration of affairs and that while he was there the King upon notice of the conquest of Chingee, gave order for adding one thousand Horse to Zulphaker Cawns [Mansab], wth: a Tasherief of Elephant Horse, and sword, and the letter last received from Amirjeahn confirms the receipt thereof, Letter from Amirjeahn dated 31st: past read and approved. Ordered that the Broad Cloth &c^{a}: bought by Consultation of the 25th: past to be sent as presents to the Nabob wth: Ramapa and Vincatee be returned to the sellers if they will take them or sold, and the losse (if any be) charged to account. Presents, and that Vincatee returne to Fort S^{t}: David.

Ordered that a Gold chest be made by the Goldsmiths not exceeding two hundred Pagod^{s}: for Wottum Chund.

Resolved that a copy of this Consultation wth: copies of the two last Letters from Amirjeahn and the letter to Amirjeahn, dated the 31st: past be sent to President Hatsell &c^{a}: Councill. The Judge, and M^{r}: Ellis do acquaint that M^{r}: Braddyll did on Wensday last in y^{e}: Court of Admiralty speake words to this effect to y^{e}: Court viz^{t}: you sitt here illegally or unjustly and did affirme that the Hon^{ble}: Company have ordered appeals to the Generall and Councill of India and that he would appeal in y^{e}: case between Bowridge and Chardin.

M^{r}: Braddyll doth deny that he said those words (that the Court satt there illegally or unjustly) and M^{r}: Tredcroft doth not remember it and as to the appeal doth now here affirme y^{t}: appeals do lye for this reason, that the King hath given the regall power to the Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: and they by their Commission to the Judge do appoint that the Court shall give an acco^{t}: of their proceedings to the Company and to the Generall and Councill, as doth appear by Commissions now produced, w^{ch}: he construes thus.

That the Company have devolved many regall powers upon their Generall and Councill of India, and amongst the rest that of redresseing grievances as well acted in the Court of Admiralty as elsewhere when any person appeals to them. This matter is referred to further consideration. The wine Licence being expired and the last farmer M^{r}: Hiller, having made appear by his accounts that he looseth by the two last years farms, thô he paid no more then two hundred Pag^{s}:

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for it last year, and there appeareing no one willing to take it. It is ordered that y^{e}: Land Customer do grant Licences at the rates of the Last year, or according to the capacity of those that take it.

Ordered that 200 Rup^{s}: be paid to Amirjeahn's servant Rustum as desired by his Letter 27 past. Pedro D'Silvia is entertained as a souldier in this garrison.

THO: WRIGHT. NAT: HIGGINSON.
M: EMPSON. JO: STYLEMAN.
E: TREDCROFT. FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R: BRADDYLL.

2 1. Ψ^{mo}. Dispatched a Generall Letter from Fort S^{t}: David, dated this day wth: copy of our Consultation of this date and copy of two letters from Amirjeahn received 30th: & 31st: past and of a letter to Amirjeahn dated yesterday.

2. Received a Generall Letter from Fort S^{t}: David, dated 30th: past.

MONDAY 4TH ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{L}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: LIEUTENANT GENERALL OF INDIA
M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS
M^{R}: ROGER BRADDYLL M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R}: MATTHEW EMPSON M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT

Lieutenant Delgarno having demanded his Pay since October 1696. Upon peruseing of the York Fort Diary for the month of October 1696, being lately received viâ Acheen the following passages [. . .].

October the first, he is discharged from acting as Lieutenant for his abusive actions to the Inhabitants and refractory disrespectfull carriage to the Govern^{r}: and Councill and ordered to be sent to Fort S^{t}: George by the first oppertunity and in the meantime confined to the ffort or give security for his good behaviour. On the 8th: October they offer him a passage to the Coast on a sloop bound for Vizagapatam, but permit him to stay till the next oppertunity upon his own request, that he might have time to gett in Debts and dispose of goods. On the 17th: Ditto is a particular account of y^{e}: occasion and manner of his mutinous calling the Garrison to assist in opposition to the Governour, for w^{ch}: reason he was put in Irons and upon the 19th: for swearing Revenge on some of the Inhabitants when at liberty, ordered to be kept so till a conveyance offer'd for Fort S^{t}: George, to prevent murder or outrage, which being considered with the many complaints w^{ch}: have been sent us from the West Coast ever since his first goeing thither, of his unruly turbulent spirit and carriage, wee do approve of the act of the Deputy Governour and Councill of York fort in dischargeing him, and are of opinion there is no pay due to him from the first of October 1696, the time of his dismission. Wee allso note the unreasonablenesse of his complaints of long Imprisonment there, being offered a Passage eight days after his first confinement, but refused it & stayed no longer then the next oppertunity.

M^{r}: Tredcroft acquainting us, that Simon Kilpatrick and Frances Monk do offer two hundred Pag^{s}: for the wine Licence for the ensueing year, and being well satisfied that by retailing out the Licences it will not come to near that sume. It is agreed that the wine Licence be granted to them, at that rate they paying fifty Pag^{s}: quarterly for the same.

Ordered that two Hundred Pag^{s}: be paid Ragina &c^{a}: washers.

The accomptant is ordered to draw out the acco^{t}: of salary due to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: serv^{ts}: for six months ending the 25th: past.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: seven Hundred be paid to M^{r}: Matthew Empson Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

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The accomptant produces a rectification of the account of the Merchants cloth brought in to the last of January stated in Journal parcelles, whereby they are Indebted Pag^{s}: 134: 32 and Credited Pag^{s}: 609: 5: 3 which is approved. M^{r}: Roger Braddyll warehouse keeper rec^{d}: his account of the warehouse for the month of February last, and pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: 700 on account goods sold.

Order'd that the Mary Buoyer do proceed for Bengall and that there be laden upon her all the Rupees now coined and three of the largest Cables which came out by the King William, being advised that they may more probably be disposed of in Bengall then here and that the Paymaster do cause an exact List to be sent thither of all the stores belonging to her.

Doctor Buckley having been ordered by Consultation of the 13th: January last to report a regulation of the charges of this Hospitall, doth now deliver a paper of this date which was read and is order'd to be entred after this Consultation.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: 42-0-0 be paid to Doctor Buckley being for Drugs &c^{a}: bought in the Bazar for the months of July, August, Sep^{tr}: Octob^{r}: Nov^{r}: Dec^{r}: Jan^{ry}: & Feb^{ry}: and that the Paymaster do acquaint him that he bring in his bills monthly, otherwise they will not be paid.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: 28:32 fanams be paid Suncha Rama for ca. md. lb. 1: 16: 3. cotton bought at 16 pag^{s}: a Candy and sent to Vizagapatam by ship ffleetwood.

M^{r}: Roger Braddyll Mintmaster read his accounts of the Mint for the months of Nov^{r}: Dec^{r}: Jan^{ry}: & Feb^{ry}: last Viz^{t}:

NOVEMBER—			
Custom of Gold	P.	45 . 1 : 60	
Ditto of Silver	Rup^{s}.	137 : 12 ans.	
DECEMBER—			
Custom of Gold, nil.			
Ditto of Silver	„	132 : 4 ans.	
JANUARY—			
Custom of Gold	P^{a}:	12 : 15 : 60	
Ditto of Silver, nil.			
FEBRUARY—			
Custom of Gold	„	226 : 23 : 20	
Ditto of Silver, nil.			

Letters from Amirjeahn receiv'd the first & third Instants and to Amirjeahn dated the second Ins^{t}: read.

Resolved, that on Wensday morning by eight a clocke the Councill meet, to examine the passages w^{ch}: happened in Court mentioned in Consultation the first Instant, and that the secretary summon such of the Comp^{s}: servants and others that were present in Court to attend.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
E: TREDCROFT.

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TO THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{L}: HIGGINSON
LIEUTENANT GENERALL AND WORP^{LL}: COUNCILL.

By whom it is orderd that a remonstrance be given of what is needfull and convenient for the well carrying on the bussiness relateing to the cure of the sicke and lame belonging to this Garrison.

Persuant thereunto, I humbly propose that the surgeon of the said Garrison be allowed (at least) one mate and one assistant wth: a Dubash conicoply and 4 coolies, allso a yearly supply of Europe Medicines to the amount of fifty Pounds, wth: allowance of as much Drugs and medicines procurable in these parts wth: stillatories Mortars &c^{a}: Vessells and utensills necessary for the preparation of

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medicine and because good and proper Diett is likely necessary, there ought to be a steward and servt: belonging to the Hospitall, for providing and takeing care of the same wth: Cotts, Bedding and apparel &ca: and as to the charge of Diett for the said sicke and Lame, I thinke it may be supplyed at the rate of four fanams ℔ day for each person. This from

Sirs,
Yors: Honr: &ca: Most humble and obedient Servant
EDWARD BUCKLY.

P.S.—I hope it will not seem amiss or unreasonable that I allso propose a convenient Dwelling house for the Surgeon of this Garrison (as customary in other places) or allowance for the same.
Yor: Honr: &ca: as aforesaid.
E.B.

4 Received Generall letter from fort St: David dated 2d: Instant.

5 Ship Sedgewicke Capt: Lockyer Watts Commandr: arrived from Anjengo and brought a Generall Letter from the Comodore &ca: dated the 17th: past, adviseing that their Fort is near finished, that the Queen continues still in Hostillity, and that a ship passeing by the fort without shewing coulors, severall shott were Exchanged between the ship and fort, till the ship bore away, supposed to be a Dane.

The Mastr: acquaints that in goeing to Anjengo he was persued by Kidd the Pirat three days and three nights and with great difficulty escaped, it being calm and Kid out rowing him, and that in his returne from Anjengo he was taken by another Pirat Chivers a Dutchman in the Algerian gally near Cape Comerine wch: with her excellent sailing and rowing fetch'd up the Sedgewick in nine hours. The Cargo of Pepper not being for their returne, they dismissed the Ship after they had rob'd her of her two courses, Sheet Cable, anchor, Cordage, Pitch, Tarr &ca: stores. Thô severall of the Ships Company being mightilly taken wth: the Sedgewicke's built and usefullnesse for a Cruiser. Captain Watts wth: great difficulty prevailed to save her by a merry management of a bowl of Punch among the ships Company, upon wch: they said he is an honest fellow lett him goe with the Pacquet came a narrative of kidds proceedings, particularly that he tooke ye: Queda Merchant richly Laden from Bengall and told the Persian factor (who had 400 bales aboard) that Hee tooke the ship by the King of Englands Commission and that the Persian would proceed to the Mogulls Camp to complain against the English as Pirates.

5 Ships Nonsuch James Howell Master and Wellfare Andrew Goodman master sailed for Bengall.

WEDNES DAY 6. ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN — MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: ROGER BRADDYLL — MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON — MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT

Translate of a letter from Amirjeahn dated the first Instant received last night, read wth: an answer dated this day, allso an additional letter to the Agent and Councill of Bengall dated yesterday.

The Sedgewick being yesterday arrived from Anjengo wth: about 90 Candy of Pepper on freight at fourteen ℔ Cent.

The Sea Customer is ordered to receive the freight and Custom in specie allowing ten Candy Priviledge to the Master and officers for their good service in preserving the ship from the Pirats.

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In persuance of our resolution on Monday last, the following persons were examined concerning the passages in the Court of Admiralty on Wensday the 31st: past, and their Declaration written by the Governour and read too and ordered by them respectively, Vizt:

Mr: Ellis, Mr: Empson, Mr: Chardin, Mr: Alvarez, Mr: Mead, Mr: Bridger, Mr: Alleyn, Mr: Dobyns, Mr: Watts, Mr: Proby, Mr: Eustace, Mr: Blackmore, Mr: Davenport, and Mr: Morrice, which declarations the Secretary is ordered to cause to be copyed fair, to be remitted to the Rt: H: Compa: and the Generall.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R: BRADDYLL.
M: EMPSON.
E: TREDCROFT.

Ship Anne William Stocke master arrived from Vizagapatam. 6

The Mary Buoyer Georg Weoley master sailed for Bengall by whom sent a paquet: to Agent and Councill containing generall Letter dated the 17th: past and 5th: Instant wth: Invoice and Bill of Lading &ca: Papers as ℔ List. 7

Recd: a generall Letter from Vizagapatam dated the 22d: past. 8

ATT A CONSULTATION SATURDAY [9TH]

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: ROGER BRADDYLL MR:
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT

MR: THOMAS WRIGHT *indisposed.*

Generall Letter from Vizagapatam dated 22d: past recd: last night read, adviseing that the new [Seer] Lascar Rustumdill had ordered an army against Vizagapatam upon account of the fight at Cuddalore and desireing ships, men and Ammunition.

A Letter of this date to President Hatsell read and approved, incloseing copy of the Vizagapatam Letter and desireing his opinion concerning the withdrawing of Factories. In the meantime it is recommended to each of the Councill to consider well upon that question that wee may come to a resolution so soon as wee shall receive an answer from President Hatsell or so soon as an oppertunity offers of sending to Vizagapatam.

Resolved that no more men can be spared from this Garrison to be sent to Vizagapatam, nor have any ships to send thither.

R: BRADDYLL. NAT: HIGGINSON.
M: EMPSON. JOHN STYLEMAN.
E: TREDCROFT. FFRANCIS ELLIS.

Received a generall Letter from Fort St: David dated 7th: Instant.

Dispatched a generall Letter to Fort St: David dated ys: day Incloseing a generall with coppy of the Vizagaptm: Generall Letter dated the 22 past to Presidt: Hatsell.

Dispatched a Generall Letter to the Chief & Councill of Vizagapatam dated this day.

Ship Madapollam belonging to the Armenians arrived from Pegu and sloop Christianus Quintus from Tringombar.

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MONDAY 11TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN — MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: ROGER BRADDYLL — MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON — MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Ordered that five hundred Pags: be paid to Mr: Danl: Chardin being for one Bill drawn by the Governr: and Councill of Fort St: David as advised in their generall letter dated the second Instant, and Pags: one thousand to Mr: Matthew Empson Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

Mr: Thomas Wright Sea Customer pays into ye: Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: 2126 on account sea Customs.

Mr: Edward Tredcroft read his acct: Land Customs for the month of March last particulars Vizt:

Choultrey Custom	Pags	308: 16: =
Trivelecane Custom	„	=: 3: 35
Rubie Brokers	„	11: 34: 27
New Town rents	„	200: =: =
Fine	„	5: =: =
Cloth Brokers	„	15: 1: 78
		540: 33: 30

and pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pa: 539: 9: as the balance of that account.

The Lieutenant Generall doth produce a Declaration given by Mr: Thomas Marshall registr: of the Court (who had been omitted to be summoned on the 6th Instant) taken on the 8th Instant, wch: being now read by Mr: Marshall is owned by him. Upon a reperusall whereof and the report made by the Judge to the Councill on ye: 6th Instant and of the Declarations taken in Councill on the 6th: Instant, It doth thereby appear that Mr: Braddyll did on the 30th: past in the Court of Admiralty then sitting openly declare that he would appeal in the case then depending between Mr: Bowridge and Mr: Chardin and asserted and argued that the Rt: Honble: Compa: had by their letters directed that appeals might be made from the Court of Admiralty. In discourseing whereof the Judge Inferring (from a supposition of something asserted by Mr: Braddyll) that then the Court satt here illegally or by an illegall authority. Mr: Braddyll thereupon replyed [in my opinion so you do] or to that effect which is confirmed by the declarations of the Judge, Mr: Ellis, Mr: Mead, and Mr: Marshall, that Mr: Chardin and Mr: Bridger are doubtfull and the rest mentioned in Consultation of the 6th: Instant do deny to remember it. It is further declared by the Judge & assistant that Mr: Braddyll did then show a very disrespectfull carriage to the Court, in such manner as thô it cannot be duly described, yet gave great offence and doth tend to the diminution of their authority in common opinion, and that they do not think fitt to hold a Court till the creditt of the Courts authority is vindicated, wch: they referr to this Councill, Mr: Braddyll being a member thereof.

Resolved that there doth not lye any appeal from the Court of Admiralty to the Generall or Lieutenant Generall and Councill as appears by the following particulars.

1*st.* The Generall Letter from the Rt: H: Company dated the 15th: February 168$\frac{8}{9}$ Paragraph the 45: doth in terminis assert the Court of Admiralty to be the Supream Court of Equity.

2*nd.* Another dated the 16th: April 1697 Par: 46: doth r ferr us to reports made by a Committee appointed to examine complaints made by John Coventrey of injuries recd: from the Courts of Madrasse, which reports do direct that the Lieutenant Generall President and Council of Fort St: George do cause the sd: complaints to be reheard in the Court of Judicature.

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3*rd*. The R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company do direct that the causes wherein they themselves are parties be determined by the Court of Admiralty. The methods of administration of Justice are the same and equal to all persons indifferently.

4*th*. Since the first erection of a Court of Admiralty in this Place, severall persons have moved for appealing, but it hath never been granted. But how far the Generall, Lieutenant Generall or President and Councill may in case of a fraud, corruption, Perjury violence &c^{a}: [interpose] their authority for the relief of perticular ℔sons injured or for the Security of the Publicke wealth and Peace of the Place, may be better referred to the Emergency, then determined by any generall rule.

Resolved, that the Court of Admiralty hath full power to vindicate their authority by punishing such as publickly affront it, thô y^{e}: person offending be a member of this Councill, but the Court may if they see cause acquaint the Governour and Councill therewith before they proceed against a member of the Councill.

That M^{r}: Braddyll starting and argueing in open Court the question of appeals was very imprudent and not becomeing a member of this Councill, where questions of that nature may be more properly moved.

That his telling the Court in the presence of so great a number that they satt there illegally in his opinion, and useing a disrespectfull carriage to the Court, doth directly overthrow the foundation of their authority and tends to the withdrawing of the Inhabitants from that obedience and respect w^{ch}: is due to a Court of Justice. The Government of the Place is allso concerned in the example, which being aggravated by the station which he hath in this Councill will have the greater and more generall influence, especially upon disaffected persons, as M^{r}: Wessendonck who hath been very buisy in appealing and Protesting against Courts and Councill, and hath suffered for it and was present at the late passages in Court, hath in publick Company declared that now he hath one of the Councill of his side, & by natural consequence those that are so inclined will by his example be incouraged to esteem themselves indempnified in asserting the illegallity of the Court and affronting its authority, if M^{r}: Braddyll may do it impune.

M^{r}: Braddyll doth declare, that thô he doth deny the words alledged, yet that since the Councill have adjudged him guilty, of speaking them, he doth for quietnesse sake and to avoid any Contention or disturbance resigne his Place in Councill, and it is resolved that M^{r}: Braddyll be suspended from acting in this Councill till further orders from the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company or the Generall of India, and that it be referred to the Court of Admiralty to cause M^{r}: Braddyll to give them such satisfaction for the affront, and in case of refuseall to inflict such punishment as they shall [deem] necessary for the Vindication of their authority.

Resolved that a Declaration persuant to the precedeing resolves concerning the authority of the Court be published in the Court by the Secretary on the next day of their setling.

M^{r}: Braddyll delivers a paper w^{ch}: (being late) is ordered to be entred after this Consultation with its answer, they being both now read.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
E: TREDCROFT.

These words charged upon me by my oposers M^{r}: Styleman and M^{r}: Ellis are said to be in answer to an inference of M^{r}: Stylemans, that if there was an appeal then the Court satt there illegally and unjustly, its agreed upon all hands that the dispute was concerning an appeal to the Generall &c^{a}: whether y^{t}: was a proper inference or no I shall not determine. But if it was an indirect inference, an indirect answer might naturally follow. But heres little of this in this case, for

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after examination of all the persons in Court in numbr: 10 (of whome one upon the Bench is one) remember nothing of it, and I do solemnly declare there was no such thing, and the words rest onely upon the Ears of Mr: Mead and Mr: Marshall. I do further crave that a copy of all the examinations may be delivered me.

R: BRADDYLL.

ANSWER TO MR: BRADDYLLS PAPER.

It is agreed on all hands that Mr: Braddyll did Debate the Question of appeal, and it was agreed by all those that heard ye: Question and answer, that they did not remember what was the precedent discourse wch: gave occasion to the question, and therefore the Quibble of indirect inference and answer is not intelligibly to the purpose. But ye: words spoken are positively proved by the affirmation of the Judge and one assistant and the register of the Court all competent, because concerned more then others to observe, thô one of the assistants was at that time reading of a Letter from Fort St: David sent to peruse and some of the ten speake doubtfully some were but a little while in the Court & some might not be near enough to hear or otherwise diverted at that Instant or some of their memories may fail in some particulars. But if nobody had heard or observed it but the Judge and one assistant, their declarations were sufficient, and the rest is ex abundant so that there is no occasion to deliver the copys of their declarations to Mr: Braddyll.

THO: WRIGHT. NATT: HIGGINSON.
M: EMPSON. JO: STYLEMAN.
E: TREDCROFT. FFRANCIS ELLIS.

11 Ship Anne John Hampton Master arrived from Bengall, by whom received a Generall Letter from the Agent &ca: dated 2d: Inst.

Ship St: Cajeatan arrived from Tennasserree.

12 Sloop Gelinder Louis John Peter Master arrived from Tringombar.

13 Ship Simon sailed for Vizagapatam by said shipp sent a Generall Letter dated 12th: Instant to the Chief &ca: and copy of our Generall dated the 9th:

THURSDAY 14TH ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENERALL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: MR: MATTHEW EMPSON
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Simon Kilpatrick and Francis Monck farmers of the wine License pay into the Rt: Honble: Compans: Cash Pgs: ffifty, being the first payment ending the 25th: June next.

Generall Letter from President Hatsell dated the 11th: Instant and the last Letter from Vizagapatam dated 22d: March were read, and the state of that Factory being considered, the following particulars occur Vizt:

1*st* That wee are not assured of the Nabobs designe and thô there doth not yet appear any other reason for suspecting a Breach, yet the very delay in granting the Perwanna's, which he will grant if he designe [. . .] his friendship is a ground of suspicion.

2*nd* If a Breach insue wee are not furnished wth: a sufficient number of men to defend the Forts, and have no reason to depend upon any considerable supply suddainly from Europe.

3*rd* The maintenance of a garrison at Vizagptm: will be more chargeable then if it be wth: drawn into fort St. George and may there be serveseable.

4*th* If Vizagapatam be now withdrawn it may probably be resetled upon the better terms, thô a Breach do not insue or upon an accomodation if it does.

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5*th* It is our opinion and the opinion of the Chief and Councill of Vizagapatam that the Seer Lascar will never grant a [cowl] for a Fortification, and it seem's to be the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Companys Orders not to keep a fortification without it.

6*th* The Chief and Councill of Vizagapatam are very possitive that they cannot defray the charges of the Factory for the sume possitively limited by the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company & the excesse being chargeable on the Chief, Hee desires to Quitt, rather then undertake the managem^{t}: of the factory upon those terms. A new Chief cannot be acquainted with the present embodied circumstances of that Factory till he has had experience.

7*th* If Vizagapatam shall engage in a warr with the Seer Lascarr, wee shall probably bee involved here allso in the same Quarrel.

Resolved that the Chief and Councill do forthwith put themselves into a readinesse for withdrawing, by getting in their cloth and debts and clearing the accounts of the rented sea Ports, and that they do actually withdraw y^{e}: factory in case they cannot stay without Entring into Hostillity with the Seer Lascar, or in case they cannot maintain the Factory charges for the sume limited by the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: and that they repair either to this place or Bengall as the winds will favour. Embarkeing the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: servants, Goods, Stores Souldiers & all English people there Resident on hired ship leaveing a Bill on the factory Gate expresseing the cost of the factory Buildings, the occasion of leaveing it, and a List of such things which cannot be laden on a ship and shall be left in the factory, wth: a copy thereof Inclosed in a Letter directed to the Seer Lascarr.

That if they proceed to Bengall they deliver to the Agent and Councill all the Goods for Europe, and such Stores and necessaries for the Agent &c^{a}: shall have occasion for & bring y^{e}: reminder with them when an oppertunity offers, and during their abode in Bengall to assist in the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: businesse as the Agent and Councill shall appoint, & leaving so many ffactors there as they shall require. But if the factory shall continue in Peace and they shall resolve to withdraw onely upon account of the charges, that they stay there till the Monsoon serves for their proceeding directly hither, in the meantime reduceing the charge to the sume Limited by the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company particularly that the Horse be sold and the number of servants lessened.

Resolved that a copy of the preceding Consultation be sent to the Chief and Councill of Vizagapatam for their direction.

Generall Letter to Vizagapatam of this date read and approved.

Ordered that the following stores be sent to Vizagapatam by ship Anne Viz^{t}:

Match—Candy	1
Matchlocks	15
Countrey Powder Candy	1
Flints	100

Ordered that ship Sedgewicke be sold by y^{e}: Sea Customer and Paym^{r} by outcry at the Sea Gate on Monday next. Bills for that purpose having been two days past at the sea Gate and Choultrey Gate in severall Languages.

The Accomptant produceing the acc^{t}: of salary payable in India amount to Pag^{s}: 1104: 16: 3. It is ordered that the following persons salaries be deducted and carryed to their respective Credits, and not paid till their accounts or matters depending in Court be determined Viz^{t}:

Lemuel Blackmore	Pa: 14: 7: 1	
Richard Hunt	„ 11: 24: 0	
William Warren	„ 12: 28: 0	
		P: 38: 23: 1
Richard Watts		22: 8: 0
James Ravenhill		22: 8: 0
		Pa: 83: 03: 1

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which being deducted from Pag^{s}: 1104-16-3. It is ordered that the remaining salaries amount Pa: 1021. 13. 2 be paid.

Ordered that Frances deMount & Joseph d'Rosairo be Entertained to serve as souldiers in this Garrison.

The Tobacco farmers pay into the R^{t}: H: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: 241: 24 fanams for one month ending y^{e}: 16th: March last.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
M: EMPSON.
E: TREDCROFT.

15 Generall Letters from the Agent and Councill of Bengall by the Acheen Merchant dated the 10th: & 11th: March last, received from Fort St David this day.

17 Ship Salamat Surat Mahomodee Jaffeer nocqueda arrived from Queda.

MONDAY 18TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{L} HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: LIEUT: GEN^{LL}: OF INDIA
M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS
M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT M^{R}: MATTHEW EMPSON
M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT

M^{r}: Wright and M^{r}: Empson report the sale of ship Sedgewicke this day for ffive hundred Pag^{s}: which the Lieutnant Generall having bought, and apprehending that the ship is really worth and will sell for more, doth offer to the Councill that she may be sold again for the Comp^{s}: account by such of the Councill as shall be appointed for that purpose.

Resolved that ship Sedgewicke do remaine for the Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: account, and recommended to each of the Councill to endeavour her sale by private contract, but first acquainting the Lieutenant Generall before concludeing, & that she be sold for the most can be gott before next Consultation day, but not lesse then five Hundred Pag^{s}:

M^{r}: Roger Braddyll read his warehouse acco^{t}: for the month of March last, and pays into the R^{t}: H: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: 507: 11: fanams.

Ordered that M^{r}: Braddyll do conclude the warehouse accounts with the last day of this month, and in the meantime that he deliver all into the charge of M^{r}: Francis Ellis who is appointed to receive all by List and that both he and all persons in whose custody are any Goods, Stores, Utensills &c^{a}: do by the Latter end of May produce an acco^{t}: of reall remains

M^{r}: Ellis read his account of Goods for Europe for the month of March last.

The Attorney Generall pays into the R^{t}: H: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: one hundred being a fine paid by M^{r}: Braddyll into the Court of Admiralty.

M^{r}: Thomas Wright Sea Customer read his account Sea Custom for the month of March last particulars, Viz^{t}:

To Custom on goods Imported and Exported this month	Pag^{s}:	2,013: 32: 2
To Ditto on Grain	„	1,267: 32: 1
To Anchorage	„	78: 0: 0
	Pag^{s}:	3,359: 28: 3

The Lieutenant Generall read his account of the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash for the month of March last the balance being Pag^{s}: 5,477: 15: 5.

M^{r}: John Foquett Rentall Generall pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Companys Cash Pag^{s}: 506: on account Quitt Rents &c^{a}.

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[18ᵗʰ]

The Judge produceing Francis Davenports Bond of one thousand Pagˢ: for his good behaviour and for not departing the place without leave and for appearing when required, and acquaints us wᵗʰ: his request for leave to goe to Vizagapatam, having a prospect of employment there in Mʳ: Holcombes service.

Resolved, that when he has a certainty of Employment at Vizagapatam, he may goe, & that in the meantime he be Entertained in yᵉ: Gunroom till that or other employment offer being in a necessitous condition.

Hee allso produces Anco's Bond of 500 Pagˢ: for his good behaviour, and his Brothers Peddana and Bompaloo for Pagˢ: 102: 13: 3: the remainder due from Anco by judgement of Court.

The Lieutenant Generall doth acquaint that having received a complaint from the Moor Mulla, that Allee Serang had caused him to be carryed away by force from this Place by Sᵗ: Thoma Peons to Sᵗ: Thoma and from thence to Congeveron before the Cozee, and that he had in the way grossely abused him, pulling the hair out of his beard, and caused him to be beaten and closely confined, which necessitated him to spend Eighty Pagˢ: before he was released. That yᵉ: Mulla brought wittnesses who affirmed they saw him carryed away by force from hence, and alledged he had sufficient wittnesses to prove what was transacted abroad. Allee Serang was thereupon committed to the Custody of the Marshall since which great intercession has been made for his release by Hojee Mahomod Allee Avaldar of Sᵗ: Thoma, Colloway Chittee and others concerned wᵗʰ: him in a voyage designed for Arracan. The Mullas complaint being read, The Attorney-Generall is ordered to prosecute Allee Serang in the court of Admiralty, that he may receive such punishment as his crime shall seem to deserve for the deterring of others.

Translates of four letters from Amirjeahn recᵈ: the 10ᵗʰ: 12ᵗʰ: 15ᵗʰ: and 16 Instants read, which being written in Armenian could not be translated by any one but Cojee Gregorie, were not finished till Saterday night, when the Governour sent a short letter in answer to Amirjeahn, now read, since which another Letter received from Amirjeahn not translated from the Armenian.

The Sea Customer is ordered to abate 30 Pagˢ: [part] of Pagˢ: 461: 5: 60: charged in the month of ffebruary last freight of Goods imported by Mʳ: Lovell on the Mary Buoyer from Tonqueen, being for 300 Pagˢ: which Capᵗ: Weoley was concerned wᵗʰ: him in partnership, and is allowed for yᵉ: Commander's Priviledge, Capᵗ: Weoley having approved himselfe a very diligent and good husband in yᵉ: voyage. Allso to abate Pagˢ: 8: 26: 70 Ca part of Pa 17: 27: [. . .] charged in ditto month freight of goods imported by Mʳ: Empson on the Mary Buoyer from Malacca, but by mistake Entred at ten ℔ Cent the Tonqueen freight.

Ordered that Pagˢ: twenty-five be paid by the Paymaster for the freight of 30 bundles of Rod Iron and 20 barrels of Nails received from Bengall by the Wanstead.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
E: TREDCROFT.

Ship Nosa Senhora came into this road from Sᵗ: Thoma. 18

Last night Ship Anne William Stocke Master sailed for Vizagapatam by whom sent a Generall Letter to the Chief and Councill dated the 14 Instant Incloseing copy of our Consultation of same date. 20

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WEDNESDAY 20TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTENT: GENLL: OF INDI
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: MR: MATTHEW EMPSON
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

All the Councill being duely summoned.

Two Letters from Amirjeahn dated the 14th: & 16th: Instants were read. In which and former letters he complains of the Nabob &ca: their excessive demands, which by computation amount not to lesse then 40,000 Rupees for the desired Perwannas onely without a Phirmamd, & thô Amirjeahn hath been severall times desired to advise what sume he can agree for, that the same might be sent, yet he repeats his answer that he cannot make an end till he receive our orders. It is therefore necessary to leave it wholly to him or Limit a certain sume. But 'tis not thought convenient to leave it to his discretion not knowing what engagements he hath brought himselfe under by being security for the Junkanneer of the Pullamullee Countrey.

It is resolved that Amirjeahn be limited to the sume of twenty thousand Rupees for all Expences by the next Letter.

Letter to Amirjeahn of this date read wth: two letters to the Nabob to be delivered as Amirjeahn shall see cause, & Draught of the desired Perwanna for the Tevenepatam Towns.

Letter from Fort St: David dated the 18th: Instant read, wherein they presse the procureing the Nabobs Perwanna for the Tevenapatam Towns without wch: they say the Towns will be wholly forsaken.

The Lieutenant Generall reports a Contract made wth: Suncha Rama for the Corall mentioned in Consultation the 3d March, Vizt: Corall Gregio at 110 Pags: a maund and the Branch at 400 Pags: to pay halfe the amount on delivery and the other halfe within one month, which is approved.

It is resolved that Suncha Rama's Bill for ten thousand Rupees or three thousand Pags: payable to Amirjeahn at the Camp be accepted in part of payment, and that the said Bill be sent to Amirjeahn to be received by him as he has occasion.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
M: EMPSON.
E: TREDCROFT.

20 Received a Generall Letter from ffort St: David dated the 18th: Instant. Allso a Generall Letter from Govr: Pitt &ca: Councill at Nagapatam dated the 14/24 Inst.

THURSDAY 21ST The following Paper was signed by the Govr: & Councill, Vizt: Capt: Hampton offering seven Hundred Pagods: for ship Sedgewicke, on condition the offer be this day accepted, and none offering more & uncertain whether any one will give so much. It is resolved that the ship be sold him for that sume, and that Capt: Watts do deliver her and stores by List, and that the Lead be unladen on or before Monday next, as Capt: Hampton balast the ship.

NATHL: HIGGINSON.
JOHN: STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
EDWD: TREDCROFT.

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Birgantine S^{t}: David Edmund Ford Master arrived from fort S^{t}: David by whom rec^{d}: a Generall Letter dated the 19th: Instant wth: Bill of Lading & Invoice for 13 bales. 21

Received a Generall Letter from Fort S^{t}: David dated the 20th: with copies of the translates of two Letters rec^{d}: by Presid^{t}: Hatsell from Gusfur Cawn and Amirjeahn. 22

Ship Pegu Merchant Thomas Plumb master arrived in this road from Pegu. 23

Dispatched a Generall Letter to Fort S^{t}: David Inclosing copies of severall Letters rec^{d}: from & sent to Amirjeahn, and a Generall to Presid^{t}: Hatsell inclosing copy of our Consultation dated 14 Instant relateing allso a Generall Letter to the Governour and Councill of Negapatam all of this days date.

ATT A CONSULTATION — MONDAY 25TH

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{L}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: LIEU^{T}: GEN^{LL}: OF INDIA
M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN — M^{R}:
M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT — M^{R}:
M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT

All the Councill being duely summoned.

The Lieutenant Generall acquaints that having received a Letter from Amirjeahn on Saturday wherein he required three Hundred Rup^{s}: might be sent him. The translation of w^{ch}: Letter from the Armenian being done too late to summon a Councill then and there appearing an occasion for a speedy answer. Hee sent an answer that night wth: three hundred Rupees by three trusty Peons which is approved the said Letter & answer being now read.

Ordered that Jacob Lewshes & Abram Dow's be Entert^{d}: to serve as souldiers in this Garrison.

Generall Letter from Fort S^{t}: David dated 23^{d}: Ins^{t}: read pressing the speedy procury of y^{e}: Nabobs Perwanna.

M^{r}: Thomas Wright Sea Customer pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: 2,700 on acco^{t}: Sea Customs.

Doct^{r}: Bulkley requesting that one Jeremy Harrison a souldier of this Garrison may be his assistant, He is accordingly appointed at three Pag^{s}: ℔ mensem and discharged from other service of the Garrison so long as he shall be so employed.

Cap^{t}: John Hampton pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: 700 for ship Sedgewicke for which Bill of sale now signed.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
E: TREDCROFT.

Ship Acheen Merchant Robert Masfen M^{r}: arrived from Fort S^{t}: David & Bengall by whom rec^{d}: a Generall Letter from the Gov^{r}: & Councill of Fort S^{t}: David dated the 25th: Instant. 26

ATT A CONSULTATION — WEDNESDAY 27TH

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: LIEU^{T}: GENERAL OF INDIA
M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN — M^{R}:
M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT — M^{R}: MATTHEW EMPSON
M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT — M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS *indisposed*

Ordered that Pag^{s}: one Hundred be paid to M^{r}: John Styleman and Pag^{s}: seven Hundred to Cap^{t}: Robert Masfen &c^{a}: owners of the Acheen Merchant

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being for two Bills drawn by the Gov^{r}: & Councill of Fort S^{t}: David dated the 18th: and 25th: Inst^{t}: & Pag^{s}: one thousand to M^{r}: Matthew Empson Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

Translates of Letters received Yesterday from Seileman Cawn and from Amirjeahn, read. That from Amirjeahn adviseing to be cautious of Seileman Cawns pretensions of friendship whome the Nabob had returned to Chellumbrum. That from Seileman Cawn declareing that Tegnapatam Fort &c^{a}: Towns did belong to the King and that wee should have trouble in the possession of them unlesse wee could [. . .] the Nabobs Perwanna, and that he had [. . .] to Governour Hatsell about them, who had answered that he could do nothing without order from hence wherein it being supposed that Seileman Cawn designed an advantage by our answer. It is thought convenient to returne such an answer whereof no advantage can be made and a Letter was accordingly now writ and approved.

The Paymaster is ordered to send 20 quire of Bengall Paper and 20 Persia skins to ffort S^{t}: David.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
THO: WEIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
E: TREDCROFT.

28 Rec^{d}: a Generall Letter from Vizagapatam dated the 12th: Instant wth: copy of their Diary and Consultations from the last of ffebruary to ditto time.

[FRIDAY 29TH]

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: — LIEUTEN^{T}: GENERALL OF INDIA
M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN — M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS
M^{R}: — M^{R}: MATTHEW EMPSON
M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT

All the Councill being duely summoned.

Vincatee Kisna &c^{a}: Tobacco farmers pay into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: 241: 24 fan^{s}: for one month ending the 16th: instant.

Ordered that besides the two hundred Rupees ordered by Consultation the first Instant, one Hundred Rupees more be paid to Rustum-Amirjeahns' servant as desired by his Letter dated the 23 Instant.

M^{r}: Matthew Empson pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: 345: 1: 3, the nett produce of ship Olive Branch broken up and sold by outcry as ℔ Account now produced.

The Generall Letter from Vizagapatam dated the 12th: Instant read, and their Diary from the last of February to ditto time, wherein they advise that Rustomdill sent to take a Draught of the factory, and had ordered the guns and walls to be taken down, and that Fuckera saib had received the Kings Phirmaund for the Govern^{t}: of the Gingerlee Countrey, and was comeing, and had beforehand sent his Rocca [. . .] and Officers to meet him, upon which good news they proposed the makeing an Investment for fifty thousand Pag^{s}: which their Merch^{ts}: promise to performe by January next.

Resolved that wee cannot send 50,000 Pag^{s}: to Vizagapatam till wee receive a new stock from England, nor any other sume except borrowed at interest and supposeing the continuance of the factory, yet it is not convenient to trust any great sume of money in their Merchants hands till the countrey is well settled.

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Resolved, that an answer to this letter be defered till wee receive from Vizagapatam an answer to our Consultation of the 14th: Instant, wch: being now perused wee find no occasion to alter.

The Agent and Councill of Bengall having written in their Letter of the 11th: March that they can dispose of sixty thousand Rupees Broad cloth ordinary and twenty thousand Rupees Aurora at the same price that they have disposed of the rest Vizt; two and halfe rupees ℔ yard for Broad cloth Ordinary and four rups: ℔ yard for Aurora, and there being two or three Countrey ships suddainly bound thither. It is propounded whether the cloth shall be sent to Bengall to be sold at those prizes and whether it shall be sent upon the Countrey vessells or stay till the arrivall of an Europe ship.

Resolved, that the price of Aurora's being much lesse then may be reasonabley expected here, there be sent no more then ten Bales which may sell the better the lesser the quantity, and that one hundred & eighty bales Broad cloth ordinary be sent for an addition to their stock Vizt: 100 bales of Green and 80 bales redd.

Resolved that the said Broad cloth be sent to Bengall by Countrey ships as wee are satisfied in the Ship and master and can agree the terms of ffreight.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
E: TREDCROFT.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR:
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT

All the Councill being duely summoned.

Deago Pasquall &ca: Mucquaw men now pay the Rt: Honble; Companys Cash Pags: fifty for one years rent for the fishing farme ending the 30th: April last and offering to continue the farming for the ensueing year on the same terms, said offer is accepted and it is ordered that a Cowl be accordingly given them. MONDAY MAY 2D.

It is resolved that on Wednesday the 18th: Inst: there be a Generall sessions held at the Town Hall for the triall of a slave wench called Genny accused for murthering her Bastard child, & other Criminals.

Generall Letter to Vizagapatam of this date read to be sent by their returned Peons confirming former orders.

Mr: Alvaro da fonseca having formerly represented to us that the Body of Mr: Bartholomew Rodriguez Hebrew Merchant deceased is buried in a Tomb lyeing within the garden of the said Bartholomew Rodriguez, about which Tombe there is a Brickwall raised 82 foot in length & 37½ foot in Breadth, being bounded on the North side with a Lane or Passage [which sd:] Garden is held of the Rt: Honble: Company by lease determining in January 1711 and requested that the piece of ground inclosed in the said Brickwall may be sold for ever, to the intent that the said Tomb might be preserved. Which request having been remitted to the Rt: Honble: Company, and their Hons: having by their Generall Letter dated [*lacuna in the original.*] Paragraph the [*lacuna in the original*] signified their pleasre: that the said piece of ground be not sold for ever, but that such order be made as is necessary for preservation of said Tomb. It is therefore resolved and ordered that the said piece of ground be sett apart [. . .] piate to the use of the said Tomb for so long time as the Heirs or assigns of the said Bartholomew Rodriguez shall keep the same repaired and preserved from totall dilapidation which said piece of ground no owner or possessor of the said Garden may sell mortgage or Alienate, nor may cause or willfully suffer the said

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wall or Tomb to be removed impaired or broken down under penalty of paying treble damages to the use of said Tomb. Provided that from and after the totall dilapidation of the said Tomb & Brickwall the said piece of ground shall revert to the use of the Rt: Honble: Company and that this order may be the more effectuall for the end intended. It is ordered that a copy thereof attested by the Sectry: be delivered to the Judge of the Court of Admiralty and the Mayor of the Corporation, who shall cause the same to be Entred in the Register of the respective Courts for their direction wth: [regard to ?] any complaints or actions relating to ye: said piece of ground Tomb or Brickwall shall arise.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
E: TREDCROFT.

2. Received a generall letter from Fort St: David dated the 30th: past.

Dispatched a Generall letter to the Chief & Councill of Vizagapatam of this date by their returned Peons incloseing copy of our Consultation dat: 14th: past.

TUESDAY [3 D] ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAORDINARY

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR:
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT

All the Councill being duely summoned.

Translates of two Letters from Amir jeahn, one in Armenian and the other in Gentue received last night, were read, wherein Amirjeahn advises to have received the money on the Bill sent him wth: the Letter on the 19th: Instant drawn by Suncha Rama on Nellacunte.

It is ordered that Suncha Rama have credit for the said three thousand Pags: and that Amirjeahn be debited till he hath rendered an account and that Suncha Rama be allowed three quarters ℔ Cent Exchange.

Amirjeahn adviseing that the Nabob doth possitively insist upon Eight thousand Pags: for himselfe and two thousand Pags: for other officers, to be paid on receipt of the desired Perwannas for secureing Tegnapatam towns &cs: & writes for the money to be sent that he may conclude. It is resolved that this matter be stated to President Hatsell for his opinion and in ye: meantime an answer be given to Amirjeahn by the Lieutenant Generall, referring him to our former order, which limited the whole expence to twenty thousand rupees and that he try further whether the bussinesse cannot be effected for that sume.

Generall Letter to President Hatsell and Draught of a letter to Amirjeahn, persuant to the foregoeing resolve of this date read and approved.

Allee Serang mentioned in Consultation of the 14th: Instant having been sentenced by ye: Court of Admiralty to pay damages to the par[ty ag]grive'd and a fine of one hundred Pags: to the Rt: Honble: Company and to stand three days at the foot of the Pillory. Upon great intercession of severall persons concerned in the trade of [. . .] wherein Allee Serang is considerably employed and now engaged on a voyage, that he may be excused from the Pillory. It is granted on condition Alle Serang do give his Bond in five hundred Pags: for his future good behaviour to the Inhabitants, and to the Mulla in particular.

The sea Customer acquainting that upon ye: exportation of the damaged Callicoes bought at the outcry of ship King William Cargo, the exporters refuse to pay custom as for other Callicoes alledging that they were bought at outcry under that expectation being the Honble: Comps: Goods which never pay, and it being notoriously known (by the sensible experience of some of us) that the buyers

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of the Callicoes are all considerable loosers. It is orderd that the sea Customer do permit their exportation upon the warehouse keepers ticketts.

THO: WRIGHT. NAT: HIGGINSON.
M: EMPSON. JO: STYLEMAN.
E: TREDCROFT. FFRANCIS ELLIS.

Dispatched a Generall Letter to President Hatsell of this date. 3

Ketch Good Fortune Francisco Henriques mast^{r}: arrived in this road from Acheen. 4TH

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 5TH

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: LIEUTENT: GEN^{LL}: OF INDIA
M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS
M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT M^{R}:
M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT

All the Councill being duely summoned.

Generall Letter to Fort S^{t}: David dated yesterday read and approved.

M^{r}: Lovell produceing an account of 80 pieces of severall sorts cloth received brown into y^{e}: Godown from the new weavours, which will amount to about one hundred Pag^{s}: It is ordered that two Hundred Pag^{s}: more be imprest to them, that they may make the more hast in making cloth to keep the Painters at worke, for w^{ch}: use there cannot be provided otherwise cloth that is so proper for Paintings.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: 46: 31 fan^{s}: be paid to M^{r}: Foquett rentall Generall due from y^{e}: following persons for Quit rents Viz^{t}:

From the washermen to be paid out of the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash	...	P. 8: 19:
From the Mucquaw men to be paid by the Paymaster	...	10: 19:
From the Peddenaigue to be paid by the Secretary	...	27: 30:
Pag^{s}:		46: 31:

M^{r}: Ellis read his Callico warehouse account for the month of April last.

A peon having brought a Letter from four sould^{rs}: Thomas Joy, Thomas Davis, Richard Hill and Richard Hackluit, who ran away from Cuddalore to Wandewas, desireing a Pardon. It is resolved that a Pardon be sent them.

The Dolphin having been long expected from the West Coast, and her long stay giveing reason to suspect she is detained there by some accident, It is resolved that cloth stores and Souldiers be sent by a Countrey ship the Anne Henry Harnett master if the Dolphin shall not arrive by the 20th: instant, and that in y^{e}: meau time the said Goods be gott in readinesse. The Governour being concerned in the ship doth wholly leave it to the Councill to allow such a consideration to the ship as they shall thinke fitt for the freight.

THO: WRIGHT. NAT: HIGGINSON.
M. EMPSON. JO: STYLEMAN.
E: TREDCROFT. FFRANCIS ELLIS.

Dispatched a Generall Letter to ffort S^{t}: David, dated the 4th: Incloseing copys of the translates of two Letters received from Amirjeahn.

S^{t}: David Brigantine sailed for Fort S^{t}: David.

Received a Generall Letter from Fort S^{t}: David, dated the 4th: Instant. 6

Received a Generall Letter from Fort S^{t}: David, dated the 5th: Instant. 7

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SUNDAY 8TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTT: GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: MATTHEW EMPSON
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT

The Councill being summoned to read a Generall Letter received this day from Fort St: David dated the 6th: Instant, adviseing Seileman Cawn's return from the Camp and burning the out villages and another from President Hatsell of the same date, wherein he gives his opinion for a speedy compliance with the Nabobs demands for ye procureing of his Perwanna.

Upon perusall of which the following considerations occur:—

1. That Seileman Cawn's returne & attempt on the out Towns is by the Nabob's Order, and probably the first attempt was allso.

The Nabob's designe is either to gett money or to take all Tegnapatam towns for the king but wee don't know which.

3. If wee give him money he may grant us Perwannas wch: may put of further trouble for the present. But if the Nabob be really displaced by the king and called to Court (in displeasure for Ram Rajah's escape) as it hath been many months reported, they will be of no force after his departure and his successor will renew the same demand. Thô if the Nabob shall continue they will secure the possession of the place for so long, and will be a good step towards securing them hereafter.

4. If the Nabob really designes to take the Tegnapatam Towns by force, Hee hath probably received the Kings Order upon the advices sent him by the Nabob & Daud Cawn of the passages of Cuddalore at Seileman Cawn's first attempt, and if it prove so the Nabob will either prosecute the Kings Order or increase his demands.

5. That whether the Nabob goe or stay, if it be necessary to gett Perwanna's for prevention of such future trouble, they must be procured from him who is Conqueror of the Countrey, and if he goes away without giveing his Perwanna's his successors cannot grant them after they shall be by the Nabob brought into the Kings books, and it will undoubtedly prove the occasion of a publicke quarrell between the Mogull and the Company one time or other.

Resolved, that orders be sent to Amirjeahn for complying wth: the Nabobs demands mentioned in his Letter dated the 28th: April, and a liberty given him for expending one thousand Pags: more if he shall find it absolutely necessary.

Letter to Amirjeahn to be sent this day read and approved. Allso a Generall Letter to ffort St: David of this date adviseing thereof, & ordering not to detain the Horses and men they have taken.

THO: WRIGHT. NAT: HIGGINSON.
M. EMPSON. JO: STYLEMAN.
E: TREDCROFT. FFRANCIS ELLIS.

Dispatched a Generall Letter to ffort St: David of this date.

Received a Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated the 7th: Instant.

MONDAY 9TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR:
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: MATTHEW EMPSON
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT

Ordered that George Cornelius be entertained to serve as a souldier in this Garrison at Portuguez Pay.

Ordered that Pags: one thousand be paid to Mr: Matthew Empson Paymr: to defray charges Garrison.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, MAY 1698*—— [9TH]

A List of stores to be sent to the West Coast concerted, to be provided by the Paymaster & resolved that 40 Bales of Long cloth and ten Salampores of the lowest numbers and two or three bales of Bettella's of the turn'd out cloth be sent by the next ship.

Generall Letter rec^{d}: this day from ffort S^{t}: David dated the 7th: read, adviseing Seleiman Cawn's preparation for and intention of attacqueing Cuddalore the next day.

Letter to Amirjeahn to be sent this evening read.

THO: WRIGHT. NAT: HIGGINSON.
M: EMPSON. JO: STYLEMAN.
E: TREDCROFT. FFRANCIS ELLIS.

Received a Generall Letter from Fort S^{t}: David dated the 8th: Instant. 10TH

Ship Thankfull Charles Perrin master arrived in this road from Callicut.

Delivered a Passe to sloop Abednego bound to Bengall.

Delivered a Passe to ship Sedgewicke John Hampton Master bound to Bengall. Bonds being (persuant to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Orders) given by the masters and owners of said sloop and ship.

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 12TH

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}. LIEUTENANT GEN^{LL}: OF INDIA
M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS
M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT M^{R}: MATT: EMPSON
M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT

The Attorney Generall pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: 120. Viz^{t}: Pag^{s}: 100 being Allee Serangs fine and Pag^{s}: 20. Nina Chittees fine.

The Lieutenant-Generall read his acco^{t}: of the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Companys Cash for the month of April last the balance being Pag^{s}: 5,644:4. fan^{s}: and M^{r}: Edward Tredcroft his Land Customers acco^{t}: for ditto month particulars, Viz^{t}:

Choultrey Custom	...	Pa:	390:64:45
Triblecane Custom	...	„	1:19:67
Rubie Brokers	...	„	29:24:70
Cloth Brokers	...	„	16:17:65
Town Rents	...	„	113: 1:=
Ditto Devapa's last years debt	...	„	60:...:=
Registring slaves	...	„	15:12:=
		Pag^{s}:	626:10: 7

and pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pa. 624:32: as the balance of that months account and M^{r}: Thomas Wright sea Customer Pag^{s}: 1,500: on account sea Customs.

M^{r}: Matthew Empson Paymaster read his account Disbursements for the month of March last particulars Viz^{t}:

Charges Garrison	...	Pa:	860:16
Charges Generall	...	„	481:19
Charges Diett	...	„	252: 1
Charges Merchandize	...	„	16:32
West Coast	...	„	12:=
Ship Olive Branch	...	„	47:32
Mary Buoyer	...	„	31:33
Charges Cattle	...	„	24:28
Garrison stores	...	„	1,452:35
Fort St. David	...	„	22:29
Charges Extraordinary	...	„	6:16
Vizagapatam	...	„	1: 5
Fortifications and repairs	...	„	115:26
		Pags:	3,326:20

[9TH] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, MAY 1698*——

Mr: Roger Braddyll read his accounts of the warehouse for the month of April last and accots: of the mint for the months of March & April last and paid into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash on account of the warehouse Pags: 644: 20: 20 and on account of the mint Customs Pags: 330: 28 particulars of said mint accot: Vizt:

Acheen Gold pz ·29 mace produced				...	...	... Pags: 3: 30: 0
Custom of Gold coined in March				...	...	... „ 85: 14: 2
Ditto	in April			...	...	... „ 152: 23: 4
	CA.	MD.	LB.			
Copper Cash	1.	6.	4.	nett produce	...	... ... „ 88: 32: 0
						Pags: 330: 28: 0
Custom of Rupees in the month of March					...	... Rups: 92: 8: 0
Ditto	in the month of April				...	... 231: 5: 0
						Pags: 323: 13: 0

Ordered that Pags: three Hundred be paid by the Secretary to Airingapanaigue out of the Talliars money.

A letter from Amirjeahn dated 16th: April recd: yesterday and two dated the 8th: Instant read allso another letter from Amirjeahn and one from Emaum Cooley brought by a Horseman wth: the Nabobs Dusticke relateing to 400 rupees and four Gold Mohurs demanded by Angam Allees son, of Doctor Brown for so much recd: from his father for Phissick, concerning wch: Letter to be sent to the Nabob now read.

The Letters from Emaum Cooley & Amirjeahn contain a demand wch: Emaum Cooley makes of Eight hundred or one thousand rupees from wch: the late President Yale [. . .] for two oxen. The copy of which Letter being sent him by the Secretary he returned an answer now read, wherein he disowns, that he ever ordered Emaum Cooley taking them and that they are not worth halfe the money. But Cojee Gregorie having been examined by the Governour concerning it, doth declare that he did by President Yales order speake to Emaum Cooley to provide two Oxen, wch: were accordingly provided by Emaum Cooley and sent him, & those that are skilled in those sorts of Oxen say they are worth more, by which it apparing that the money is really due to Emaum Cooley. It is ordered that the Attorney-Generall do demand of Presidt: Yale 796 rupees the remainder due by Emaum Cooleys Letters for said Oxen, and because 'tis necessary at this Juncture when Amirjeahn is treating at the Camp for Perwannas for Tegnapatam to prevent Emaum Coolies disgust and his sending the Nabobs Perwanna on this occasion. It is resolved that the Lieutent: Generall do by a letter to Emaum Cooly promise him payment of the money when he shall draw a Bill.

Ordered that Thomas Howlett be discharged from the Gunroom and David Johnson Entred. Ordered that two Hundred new Madrasse rupees be sent to York Fort, and the remainder by the Sedgewicke to Bengall.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
E: TREDCROFT.

13 Received a Generall Letter from ffort St: David, dated the 11th: Instant. Ship Thankfull Charles Perrin master sailed for Bengall.

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ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAORDINARY

SATURDAY 14TH

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR:
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: MATT: EMPSON
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT

Generall Letter from ffort St: David dated the 12th: Instant with copies of Letters to and from Seileman Cawn and Ibrahim Cawn Gurry & to Amirjeahn were read wth: translate of a Letter from Amirjeahn Dated the 11th: Instant received this day. (The first Importing that Seileman Cawn intends & purposes against Tegnapatam the next day. But the Letter from Amirjeahn advises of an agreement made wth: the Nabob for his Perwannas to [. . .] Seileman Cawn and cause him to restore ye: plunder and for secureing the Tegnapatnam Fort and Townes to the Company; and that the Nabob and Wottum Chund disown any hand in Seileman Cawns action, [whence] it is concluded.

That Seileman Cawn doth what he doe by the Nabobs order, and that either the Nabob gives such order to induce us to comply wth: his demands or that he is determined to take Fort St: David and Towns from the Company and deceives Amirjeahn and us wth: fair words and promises that he might the better effect his designe.)

It is allso observed that Amirjeahn acknowledges the receipt of the Governours Letter dated the 8th: wherein he has liberty to expend the utmost that he hath mentioned and one thousand Pagods: more if occasion require and is ordered to conclude with the Nabob and gett the Perwannas finished agreeable to the Draught sent in the main Points and not to send Draughts hither for approvall upon the account of circumstantiall difference in the wording, and yet Amirjeahn now sends the draught of a Perwanna for Tegnapatam Fort and Towns and requires a speedy answer which draught agrees in all respects with that sent from hence except the mention of their being bought which Draught is approved by the Mulla, Ramapa and Cojee Gregorie as very good, and wee do not see any inconvenience in the translate.

Resolved that a Letter be written forthwith to Amirjeahn ordering him to accept of that draught.

Letter to Amirjeahn, allso a Generall Letter to Fort St. David of this date read and approved.

THO: WRIGHT. NAT: HIGGINSON.
M: EMPSON. JO: STYLEMAN.
E: TREDCROFT. FRANCIS ELLIS.

Ship [Sala] Matros John Wright master arrived in this road from Cochin and 14 ships Sedgewicke and Wanstead and Sloop Abednego sailed for Bengall by the former whereof sent a Generall Letter to the Agent and Councill of Yesterdays date.

Dispatched a Generall Letter to Fort St David incloseing copy [of] our Consultation and Letter to Amirjeahn all of this date. Allso copy of the Translate of a Letter from Amirjeahn dated the 11th Instant and Draught of a Perwanna.

ATT A CONSULTATION

TUESDAY 17TH

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: MATTHEW EMPSON
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT

The Arrac farmers pay into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 150 for one month Ending ulto: March 1698. Ordered that one thousand Pags: be paid to Mr: Matt: Empson Paymaster for defraying Garrison charges.

[17TH] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, MAY 1698*——

The Consultation of the 28th March last having Ordered a Gold Chest of two hundred Pags: to be made for Wottum chund, the same being now produced doth cost Pags: 278: fa 20 ca3 for ye Gold and workmanship, which the Paymaster is ordered to pay, and that it be sent by trusty Peons to night to Amirjeahn.

Ordered that fifty Pags: be advanced to Nathaniel Eaton to be deducted out of his pay at York Fort, and that five or ten Topaz souldiers be sent along wth: him to York Fort by ship Anne.

Ordered, that the Paymaster do pay for 20 candy of Brimstone bought (for makeing powder) at Pags: 6¾ ℔: Candy, and cause 40 or 50 candy of powder to be made, there having been none made many months for want of brimstone.

Mr: Braddyll pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 30: 24 fanams on account of Goods sold out of the Godown.

A letter just now received from Amirjeahn adviseth that the Nabob makes further scruples about wording the Perwannas, deny [. . .] to direct them to future Phousdars & Officers whereby it seems he would put us off with such Perwannas as might leave room for giveing future trouble.

Resolved that no more money be sent to Amirjeahn by Bills till further advice from him but hopeing that the Nabob may at last comply to grant the Perwannas: in due forme that Amirjeahn be ordered in case the Nabob grants such as he Judges fitt to accept that he receive them and if it shall be necessary to pay the money he hath agreed for presently, that he take up seven or Eight thousand Pags: (if he shall have occasion for so much) and draw bills upon Suncha Rama, which are to be made good out of the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash.

Letter to Amirjeahn of this date read and approved.

THO: WRIGHT. NATH: HIGGINSON.
M: EMPSON. JO: STYLEMAN.
E: TREDCROFT. FFRANCIS ELLIS.

18 Received a Generall Letter from fort St: David dated the 16 Inst.

19 Ship Loyall Capt: Williams How master arrived in this road from Persia and brought a Generall Letter from Mr: Owen &cs: dated 23d: March last incloseing an abstract of the Articles of peace concluded between England and France and an account of a great Victory gained by the Germs: over the Turks.

20 Received a Generall Letter from his Excellency the Generall &cs: Councill at Bombay dated 15th: March last.

21 Between 12 & one clocke the wind [veered] to the north and blew very hard wch: forct one country Boat full Laden ashore and severall Mussulas were driven ashore and broke to pieces.

Received a Generall Letter from ffort St: David dated the 19th Instant wtn: copies of severall papers as ℔ List.

Dispatched a Generall Letter to ffort St: David of this date.

MONDAY 23. ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: MATTHEW EMPSON
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT

Capt: John Wright Commander of ship Sāla matros which arrived here on the 14 Instant from Cochin, having acquainted the Lieutent: Generall that the said ship was formerly belonging to Moor Merchants of Surat, and being lately taken by Mallabar Piratts, was bought of them by the Dutch Banyan or Broker of Cochin to whom she now belongs, and sails with Dutch Colours and Pase, and

being bound for Bengall hath requested an English Passe and protection and liberty for wearing English colours and for repairing to the English Factory at Calcutta.

Resolved, that a Passe be not given to said ship nor that the ship be owned or protected by the English in Bengall.

Mr: Thomas Wright read his accot: of Sea Customs for the month of April last perticulars Vizt:

To Custom of Goods Imported & Exported this month.	Pags:	3059: 34: 1
To Custom on Grain	„	1208: 4: 5
To Anchorage	„	51:
To freight of Pepper ℔ ship Sedgewicke from Anjengo	„	272: 30: 1
To Do: ℔ ship Olive Branch from Bencoolen ...	„	22: 34: 3
	Pags:	4,614: 31: 4

and pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: two thousand four hundred on accot: Sea custom.

Ordered that Pags: 500 be paid to Mr: Matthew Empson Paymr: for defrayeing Garrison charges.

The Lieutenant Generall doth produce the translate of a letter dated 2nd May / 22 April from Padre Spiritus from Surat, who formerly was one of ye french Padres of the Portugueze church here and about six years since left the place upon some difference between him and Padre Miguel, wherein he acquaints that he is ordered by the superiors of their order to returne hither, and requests leave for comeing.

Resolved that a copy of the said Letter and translate be sent to his Excellency the Generall and refer'd to his direction, with our opinion that it is convenient that he come hither.

Translate of a letter from Amirjeahn recd: on Saturday night, was read wherein he advises the Nobob refuses Perwannas according to the desired draught, but offers others woh: will leave room for future trouble, and yet Emaum Cooley and Wottum Chund tell him the Nobob will grant all at last.

The Lieutenant Generall doth produce ye: translate of a letter received by Paulo Armenian from an Armenian Padre Sermo Churdeech from the Mogulls Camp dated the 27th: April, adviseing that a Moorman and three or four Armenians (the name of one Cojee Abanus) who were freighters on the Queda Merchant belonging to Calendars son bound from Bengall to Surat and was taken by a Pirat, Presented a petition to the King complaining that the English had robbed them of their Goods. The King gave order for sending a Husbull hookum wth: a Gusburdar to the Governour of Surat Amanaat Cawn, that he receive the goods from ye: English at Surat and deliver them to the Owners and if they will not deliver them that he send the English and their Delols to the King. This Goosburdar is sett out with the Husbull Hookum for Surat wth: said Moorman and Armenians.

The said Moorman had taken 2,00,000 rupees from severall great Officers of the Court, and he told them he had laid it all out in Bengall Goods, and Laded it upon the ship, the said Officers therefore joined wth: him and assisted in the petition to the King.

Ordered that one Hundred Pags: be paid to Dr: Brown being for one bill dated 16th: Instant drawn by the Govr: and Councill of Fort St: David.

Resolved that Francis Davenport who came from Bengall by ship Sidney be permitted to goe to Manilha Pilot of Ship St: Cajetan belonging to the Armenians.
Ordered that William Swan be entertained to serve in the Gunroome Crew.

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Ordered that the Paymaster pay Ensign [. . . .] fifteen Pag^{s}: as an allowance for Diett for himselfe and family to the West Coast ℔ ship [. . .]

John the Dutchman having carried away a great deal of Earth from the low ground lyeing between his garden and the cutt river to make banks and manure his garden. The Paymast^{r}: is ordered to cause him to returne all back again to the place from whence he tooke it and to cause the mud in the bottom of the cutt river (the water being now low) to be thrown upon the banks of each side, w^{ch}: will help to render that low land in time fitt for use.

The sorters reporting three bales of Bettellas No. 24 Y. at 28 Pag^{s}: a Corge which the Merch^{ts}: except against, useing many arguments. There being a present occasion for the same it is agreed to allow them 29 Pag^{s}: w : they accept off.

The Judge acquaints that the slave wench mentioned in Consultation of the second Instant was found guilty of murder by the Jury and and sentence of Death accordingly passed upon her, and there doth appear no reason for reprieving her.

THO: WRIGHT. NATH: HIGGINSON.
M: EMPSON. JO: STYLEMAN.
E: TREDCROFT. FFRANCIS ELLIS.

24TH ✓ Hearing by travailing Peons that Gusfur Cawn the late Governo^{r}: of Chingee was come to Conjeveron wth: 200 Horse and 1,000 Bhylies and was goeing to y^{e}: Northward to be Phousdar of Jaggernot Sev^{ll}: Peons were sent to Conjeveron, Polimullee & Trivetore to observe his motions.

25 Ship Neckawaunee Sen^{r}: Enarso Master arrived in this road from Cochin.

Ship Dolphin Owen Channell master arrived in this road from York Fort upon which ship came M^{r}: Charles ffrith and M^{r}: Charles Everall.

WEDNESDAY 25TH ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: LIEUTEN^{T}: GEN^{L}: OF INDIA
M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS
M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT M^{R}: MATTHEW EMPSON
M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT

Generall Letters from York Fort dated the 17th: and 28th: March now received by ship Dolphin were read wherein they advise said ship being leakey they sent her hither to be refitted and the Mast^{r}: acquaints that she has been very leakly all the voyage, and is occasioned by a generall defect in the Caulking of her bottom, which cannot be otherwise repaired then by laying her ashore, but in all other respects, that she is sound and strong.

Resolved that the ship Dolphin be sent to Bengall to be repaired, and the question being put whether the Broad cloth designed for Bengall be sent by said ship, or the Pepper continued upon her.

It is resolved that the Bales be not sent by the Dolphin because she is leakey, and that y^{e}: Pepper be continued upon her for Bengall w^{ch}: will help towards the Tavestocks Ladeing.

The warehousekeeper is ordered to Lade the Broad cloth designed for Bengall by Consultat^{n}: the 29th: April last on ship George at one pagoda and a quarter freight ℔ bale or Rup^{s}: 4$\frac{1}{8}$.

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Mr: Matthew Empson Paymaster read his account Disbursements for the month of April last particulars Vizt:

Charges Garrison	Pa:	890:	10
Ship Sedgewicke	„	53:	8
Charges Cattle	„	12:	14
Charges Generall	„	437:	28
Charges Merchandize	„	11:	17
Charges Diett	„	369:	3
Garrison Stores	„	57:	31
Mary Buoyer	„	1:	30
Charges Extraordinary	„	6:	15
Account Presents	„	334:	22
West Coast	„	12:	...
Vizagapatam	„	1:	...
Fort St. David	„	5:	30
Fortifications and repairs	„	98:	24
	Pags:	2,292:	16

Translate of a letter from Amirjeahn received last night, read. adviseing the Nabob has not yet granted the Perwannas as desired, but hopes he will & incloseing a receipt from Emaun Cooley for the money due from Presidt: Yale for oxen, wch: receipt being not in due forme. It is resolved that the money be not paid but that the money be returned by Bill to Amirjeahn, and that he take a receipt in due forme from Emaun Cooley for the same.

A ship being lately arrived from Persia. It is ordered that wine rosewater fruit &cs: according to a List now produced not exceeding one Hundred Pags: be sent as a present to the Nabob.

THO: WRIGHT. NAT: HIGGINSON.
M: EMPSON. JO: STYLEMAN.
E: TREDCROFT. FFRANCIS ELLIS.

Ship Salamat Augawmood Nocqueda arrived in this road from Cochin. 25
A peon returned with advice that yesterday Gusfur Cawn sett out from Conjeveron for Trivetore.

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 26TH

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENERALL OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: MATTHEW EMPSON
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT

A ship lately arrived from the Mallabar Coast wth: about 220 Candy of Pepper for wch: the Lieutenant Generall has treated wth: the concerned & finding them inclinable to part wth: the same under 63 rupees a candy deliverable in Bengall. It is resolved that the same be accepted, it being esteemed agreeable to the Rt: H: Comps: orders in the 28 Paragraph of their Letter dated 16th: April 1697, and necessary for the secureing a Lading for the Tavestocke, considering the troubles wee have mett wth: & fear on this Coast.

Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated the 24th: Instant read, adviseing that Seileman Cawn sent into their bounds a party of one hundred horse and two

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[26TH] hundred foot, who fired some houses, but retreated upon the approach of their souldiers.

THO: WRIGHT. NAT: HIGGINSON.
M: EMPSON. JO: STYLEMAN.
E: TREDCROFT. FFRANCIS ELLIS.

26 Ship Nossa Senhora bom nos Joã: Sante roge de Coasta arrived from Goa.

A peon from Trivetore acquaints that yesterday Gusfur Cawn came to Trivetore wth: 60 Horse & 200 Peons and is geing to the northward.

FRIDAY 27TH The following order was signed by the Govr: & Councill Vizt:

Whereas in persuance of former advices from York Fort there hath been laden on board ship Anne one Garse of rice and halfe a Garse of Paddy before the arriveall of ship Dolphin, which brought us late letters that make no mention of their want of rice nor is it inserted in their List of stores wanting and the master of the Dolphin informs that he bought rice there at the rate of 30 Dollars ℔ Garse whereas the price here is Pags: 44 and Mr: [. . .] and Mr: Everall informe that the crop in ffebruary and March last was very plentifull and that they have a store. It is ordered that the rice and Paddy be unladen from the ship Anne.

THOMAS: WRIGHT. NAT: HIGGINSON.
MATTHEW: EMPSON. JO: STYLEMAN.
EDWARD: TREDCROFT. FFRANCIS ELLIS.

Delivered a Passe to ship George William Brook master bound to Bengall, bond being given by the master and Owner persuant to the Rt: H: Comps: orders.

A peon from Trivetore advises that yesterday Gusfur Cawn sett out from Trivetore for Peddapollam.

28 Received a Generall Letter from ffort St: David dated the 26 Instant.

Ship Pilots Adventure Charles Gibbons mastr: arrived in this road from Goa.

A peon from Peddapollam advises that Gusfur Cawn arrived yesterday at Peddapollam wth: 200 Horse and 400 Peons.

29 Ship Neckawaunee Senhor Enarso Pilot sailed for Bengall.

30 Received a Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated the 28th: Instant. allso a Letter from Governr: Pitt to the Lieutent Generall dated 5th: June No. S. adviseing the arriveall of an advice Vessell from Holland at Ceilon, which confirms former advices from Persia of a Peace being concluded between all the allies (except the Emperour) and France, and incloseing Printed copies of the Articles of Peace and Commerce between France and Holland.

MONDAY 30 ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: MATTHEW EMPSON
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT

The Tobacco farmers pay into the Rt: H: Comps: Cash Pags: 200: being for the first month of the third year commencing the 16th: April 1698. and Ending the 16th: Instant.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, MAY 1698*—— [30TH]

Generall Letter to York Fort dated 17th: & 28 Instants to Paragraph the 32 read. Allso a Generall Letter from ffort St: David dated the 28th: Instant, wherein they advise that Seileman Cawn made preparations for attacqing them.

The Lieutenant Generall acquaints that having treated wth: the concerned for the Pepper mentioned in Consultation 26th: past, but they declare themselves upon further consideration resolved to carry it to Bengall and try the markett there.

Jacob Ventura Topaz and George Piper a Brandenburger, are entertained to serve as soldier in this Garrison.

The Serango of ship Dolphin complains that the master had beaten one of the Lascars in the voyage who died in three days after. It is ordered that the Choultrey Justices do examine the Passengers and Officers &ca: concerning it, and report the examination.

The Master of the Dolphin having in the former voyage delivered nine candy of Pepper short of Invoice weight, besides which he claims Eight candy belonging to himselfe and Officers. Hee having been now examined upon it, declares that when he went out of the road in October last he carried away some pepper in the bottom of the ship by wch: reason of the stormy weather he could not stay to unlade, being mixed among the balast and that the same hath been ever since continued, and is now in the ship.

The foregoeing and the ships leakinesse being considered. It is resolved that all the pepper be unladen here, and that the Paymaster do provide stores for the ship according to a list now produced.

Resolved that Owen Channell so soon as the Dolphin is unladen, be discharged from being Master, and that Capt: Lockyer Watts be commandr: of said ship, and take possession of her so soon as unladen. And that ship Dolphin be sent to Vizagapatam to be repaired in her sheathing & Caulking in that river, where she may be serviseable in removeing the factory (if occasion be) or bringing their Bales hither in September next.

Order'd that the Paymr: pay Pags: 37: 18 fans: for 300 gunnies & 150 Gunny bags for this place & West Coast.

Ordered that five hundred Pags: be paid to Mr: Matt: Empson Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

The French Padre having begun a new building in their church yard towards the ffort, It is resolved that they be not permitted to proceed therein.

THO: WRIGHT. NAT: HIGGINSON.
M: EMPSON. JO: STYLEMAN.
E: TREDCROFT. FFRANCIS ELLIS.

Last night ship George William Brooks master sailed for Bengall, by whom sent a Generall Letter to the Agent and Councill dated the 27th: Instant Inclosing Invoice and Bill of Lading for 190 bales broad cloth sent ℔ said ship. 31ST.

Received a Generall Letter from ffort St: David [dated] the 30th past. JUNE 1ST.

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 2D.

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: MATTHEW EMPSON
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT

Generall Letter to York Fort from Par: the 32 to Paragraph the 47 read.

Ordered that Pags 287 be paid to the Commdr: of ship Anne for the

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freight of Bales, stores, Passengers &c^{a}: Laden on the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: account according to a calculate now made and agreed.

A Commission appointing Nathaniel Eaton Lieutenant of the first Company of foot Souldiers at York Fort signed. Nath^{ll}: Eaton allso signed a Bond in two thousand pound for serveing the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company in the station of a factor according to y^{e}: agreement mentioned in the 37 Paragraph of our Gen^{ll}: Lre to York Fort, which is all referred to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: approbation.

The accomptant produces the Journall and Ledger of the generall accounts brought up to the ultimo April last ready to be balanced.

THO: WRIGHT. NAT: HIGGINSON.
M: EMPSON. JO: STYLEMAN.
E: TREDCROFT. FFRANCIS ELLIS.

3 Received a Generall Letter from Fort S^{t}: David dated the first Instant.

4 Last night ship Anne Henry Harnett master sailed for York Fort, by whome sent a Pacq^{t}: to the Deputy Governour & Councill containing Generall Letter dated 17th: & 28th: past and Invoice and Bill of Lading &c^{a}: papers as ℔ List.

Delivered a Passe to ship Latcheme Francisco Cordoza de Macedo master, the said master and owners having given bond persuant to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: orders.

5 Received a Generall Letter from Fort S^{t}: David dat^{d}: the 3^{d}: Instant.

MONDAY 6TH. ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{L}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: LIEUTEN^{T}: GEN^{LL}: OF INDIA
M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS
M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT M^{R}: MATTHEW EMPSON
M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT

The Judge presenting the Draught of a rule of Court for regulateing of Bills and answers (as entred after this Consultation) the same as aproved and the Secretary is ordered to deliver the coppy thereof to the Mayor of the Corporation to be observed allso in that Court.

M^{r}: Thomas Wright Sea Custom^{r}: pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{a}: 1350 on acco^{t} Sea Custom.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: one thousand be paid M^{r}: Mat: Empson Paym^{r}: for defraying charges Garrison.

Cap^{t}: Watts and the Gunner having upon a view of ship Dolphin acquainted us that there is a defect in her prow w^{ch}: they doubt cannot be repaired strong either at Vizagapatam or Bengall. It is ordered that they goe aboard and make a stricter view of her prow, main plank and sheathing and take wth: them such Europe Carpenters and Masters of ships as are upon the shore and report the same in writeing.

THO: WRIGHT. NAT: HIGGINSON.
M: EMPSON. JO: STYLEMAN.
E: TREDCROFT. FFRANCIS ELLIS.

Rule of Court. Ordered as a standing rule in this Court, that in all actions of Debt wherein accounts are depending the Attorneys shall deliver in to be filed wth: their bills and answers, an account of the particulars of his or their charge, and nothing more to be pleaded then what is therein contained.

And that the Court on their joining issue do proceed to the Examination of the severall articles of the charge, stateing an account between Plaintiffe and

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Defendant, debting the Defendt: for the Plaintiffes whole charge true or falce, and on examination to give him credit for such part of the charge as the plaintiffe cannot prove to the satisfaction of the Court, and that the said account when finished be registred, wherein the whole state of the case will appear on record, and after said account Judgement allwais to be entred, and tis further ordered that ye: Attorneys do draw their Bills and answers and all pleadings in Court as short as possible not omitting matter of substance, Leaving prolix and needless preambles, circumlocutions and aggravations of any matter upon pain of being fined for the same or what the Court shall thinke fitt to sentence.

Ship Pearle Francisco Cordoza de Macedo Mr: sailed for Manilha.

Ship Sta Paulo came out of St. Thoma road into this.

ATT A CONSULTATION TUESDAY 7TH

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: MATTHEW EMPSON
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT

The Councill mett to peruse Letters received this Day from Amirjeahn wth: the Draught of a Perwanna wch: he writes the Nabob offers and will grant no other, which differs much from the Draught desired, and so defective that tis not approved.

Resolved that Amirjeahn be ordered to gett it altered according to the draught desired, and that a copy of the Draught now received be sent to Fort St: David wth: the copy of the Letter from Amirjeahn.

Letters to Amirjeahn and to Fort St: David both of this date read and approved.

Ordered that David Hurly be entred in the Gunroom Crew.

THO: WRIGHT. NATH: HIGGINSON.
M: EMPSON. JO: STYLEMAN.
E: TREDCROFT. FFRANCIS ELLIS.

Dispatched a Generall Letter to Fort St: David dated this day. 7TH

Received a Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated the 6th: Instant, 8TH accompanying which came a Letter from Mr: Daniel Acworth Supra Cargo of Ship William and Mary, who arrived there from Bombay the 5 Instant, wth: a Pacquett from the Generall &ca: Councill of Bombay containing their Generall Letter dated 10th: May 1698, wth: severall other papers as ℔ List allso a Pacquett directed to the Agent and Councill of Bengall.

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY. 9TH

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: MATTHEW EMPSON
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT

The Lieutenant Generall read his account of the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash for the month of May last, the balance being Pags: 7661: 19: 1 and Thomas Wigmore Secretary read his account of Passes for ditto month and pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 8: 24 fanams the balance.

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Mr: Edward Tredcroft Land Customer read his accot: Land Customs for the month of May last perticulars Vizt:

Choultrey Custome	Pags:	365:	2: 25
Triblicane Custom	„	=:	4: 30
Rubie Brokers	„	126:	22: 64
Cloth Brokers	„	11:	16: 40
New Town rents	„	66:	7: =
Fines	„	10:	=: =
	Pags:	572:	16: 79

and pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: 578: 2

The Lieutenant Generall read his account of Coinage for the month May last ꝑticulars Vizt:

Custom of Pags: Madrasse ...	P 41711	Pa:	208:	20:=
Ditto Oremzeb	316	...	4:	20: 4
Gold Mohurs	84½	...	4:	21:=
		Pags:	211:	25: 4

Silver Rupees ... ... 5083. Rups: 101: 11 As.

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and pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 214. Sarsapa &c Minters pay into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 150 being in lieu of 500 Rupees the balance of the coinage of Silver by ship Tavestocke for wch: Roger Braddyll mintmaster is to have creditt in the Generall Books.

Capt: Gostlin &cs: report the condition of ship Dolphin as Entred after this Consultation.

Having found by experience that ye: repairing of shipping either at Bengall or Vizagapatam is chargeable, and that ship Dolphin cannot be so repaired as to make her long serviceable at the West Coast without Teake Timber & Plank wch: is not procurable.

It is resolved that said ship be sold at outcry by Mr: Wright and Mr: Empson on Tuesday the 14th: Instant, if she will sell for 450 Pags: but if she will not yield so much, that then she be brought ashore and broke up, and that the Guns be brought ashore and placed upon the Batteries for salutes and such of ye: small arms and Amminition as is necessary for use be brought ashore before sold.

The Justices of the Choultrey report the Examination of the Passengers Lascars & officers of ship Dolphin concerning the Death of a Lascar as ordered by Consultation 30th: past, wch: Examinations are ordered to be delivered to the Attorney Generall in order to prosecution if the said examinations do contain matter sufficient to ground an Indictment upon.

The warehousekeeper reports the weight of Pepper received from ship Dolphin Bahar 102: 10md: 9lb.: good and damaged together, being to make good 97cau: 345lb. Laden on the Rt: Honble: Companys account, and as the Mastr: alledgeth Eight bahar on his own account. Besides the seventeen Candy mentioned in Consultation 30th: past, to be short delivered the last voyage, which is in all 122 Candy, in order to the adjusting whereof, the warehousekeeper is ordered to cause the Pepper to be garbled and the damaged part seperated and sold at outcry.

A Letter to Amirjeahn of this date, read and approved wth: the Draught of a Perwanna to be required from the Nabob, being approved by Cojee Gregorie, Cojee Saffur the Mulla & Ramapa, who all understand the Persian Language and Customs of the countrey.

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Ordered, that the four Talliars belonging to Timapa Naigue now in the Custody of the Marshall, be delivered to Airingapa Naigue who is to be answerable for their forthcoming when demanded and not to abuse them.

THO: WRIGHT. NATH: HIGGINSON.
M. EMPSON. JO: STYLEMAN.
E: TREDCROFT. FFRANCIS ELLIS.

TO THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON:
LIEUT: GENLL: &CA COUNCILL.

May it please yor: Honr: &ca:

According to an order directed to us by your: Honr: &ca Councill wee the 9TH subscribers have been aboard the ship Dolphin and surveyed her fore and aft, and find a plank on each side decayed, below the lower wall, the rest of her Hull and Timbers in no very bad condition, and may be repaired in a place convenient, her prow onely in the forme, tisin, wee thinke very dangerouse and weake, & ought to be altered or very well strengthened & secured which done she will be capable to performe a voyage to the West Coast.

LOCKYER WATTS. ARMIGER GOSTLIN.
Fort St: George WILLIAM GRIFFIN. WILLIAM HOW.
June 8th: 1698. ROBERT ATKINSON. JOHN MABB.

Received a Generall Letter from ffort St: David dated the 8th: Instant. 10

Ship called Angell Gabriel Cojee Cotchetore arrived from Tringombar & Bengall.

Ship Pilots, Adventure Charles Gibbons master sailed for Bengall by whome sent a Generall Lre to the Agent and Councill dated. [*Lacuna in the original.*]

A ship came into St: Thoma: road wth: an English ancient but shewed no Jack, and in the Evening the Dr: and Purser came ashore to the Capt: More Lucas Luiz his house, and gave out that they came from Battavia and the south seas, were bound for Bengall and called at St: Thoma for wood and water, the ships name being ye: Resolution Captain Etherington Commander. But a Letter from a Portuguez at St: Thoma advises that she was suspected to be a Pirat: severall Peons and spies were ordered to bring inteligence of what passed at St: Thoma, and to observe who had correspondence wth: them, and the Chief Peon ordered to keep a good watch.

In the Evening advised Toache John Domingo Mattor and Francisco de Saa, 12 had been this day aboard ship to treat about trucking salt petre for sugar.

Severall ffort St: George Dubashes having been at St: Thoma, were as they returned in the Evening brought by the Peons to the Govern: and sent to the trunk to deter others.

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 13TH

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: MATTHEW EMPSON
MR:- EDWARD TREDCROFT

The following advices have been received concerning the English ship at St: Thoma Vizt: That on Sunday the Dr: & Purs: were treating with Francisco Mendez for salt petre, who sent two Portuguez aboard with Musters to truck for sugar. The Doctor and Purser returning in the evening brought two Hatts and a Baskett of wine as a present to Lucas Luiz at whose house they Lodge, and a Bag of Dollars. Some Portuguez allso have written that they suspect them to be Pirats because they refuse to bring goods or to lett people goe aboard and offer 30 Great Guns to sale and the Captain keeps aboard.

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Resolved that the following Orders be published in English, Portuguez, Jentue & Mallabar:—

That no Europe Inhabitant goe out of the bounds of Madrasse without leave of the Gov^{r}: or second of Council.

That all Europeans strangers, comeing by Sea or Land, do repair to the Gov^{r}: immediately upon their first arriveall, and in case of omission to be secured on the Guard till examined.

That no Inhabitant do entertain any stranger whatsoever in their Houses without notice given to and leave obtained from the Govern^{r}: or Chief Justice of the Choultrey.

That no person whatsoever, Inhabitant of this place, hold any correspondence directly or indirectly with any person belonging to the ship now in S^{t}: Thoma road which arrived there on the 11th: Instant wth: English Colours, under pain of a months imprisonment or so long as the said ship shall remain on this Coast, and fine not exceeding 500 Pag^{s}: and tis further declared that if any of the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Compa^{s}: Servants shall be found guilty of the breach of this order, they shall be forthwith dismissed from their service.

Cojee Gregorie, Cojee Panûs and Cojee Saffur the principal Armenians being sent for were acquainted that they having formerly given a writeing not to deal with Interlopers and there being now a ship come to S^{t}: Thoma weareing English Colours, not known whether Interloper or Pirat, but she not belonging to the Company. It is expected that in complyance wth: said writeing, they hold no manner of correspondence wth: them and that they take care the rest of their Nation observe the said orders, w^{ch}: they promised to comply with.

A letter to the Avaldar of S^{t}: Thoma, and another to the Cap^{t}: More read and approved as entred after this Consultation.

Antonio Fereira de Silva commonly call'd Touche a Portuguez Inhabitant of this place having been aboard the Ship at S^{t}: Thoma Yesterday, and being suspected by the slight account he gives, that he designes to drive a trade with them, and the likelyest man to carry it on for himselfe and others, to prevent which he was committed to the Custody of the Marshall till further order.

Joã Domingo de Mattor a Portuguez Inhabitant of S^{t}: Thoma having been yesterday aboard the ship treating about sug^{r}: and saltpetre, and comeing to town being concerned in a ship in this road bound for Beng^{ll}: came and acquainted that he went upon the request of the Avaldar to know whether the ship was a Pirat (and allso upon M^{r}: Stylemans order to him to enquire news whereof he gave him notice on Saturday night by a Letter, and now came to give a further account). That he pretended to treat for trucking saltpetre for sugar, but observed that few men did appear and no arm's above deck and being desireous to buy a fowling piece they would not suffer him to goe down to see them, but caused them to be brought up & that by many circumstances he suspected them to be Pirates. That he made no bargain nor did not intend it, thô he and his unckle are concerned $\frac{2}{5}$ in 3,000 maund of saltpetre now lyeing in S^{t}: Thoma wherein Francisco Mendez and Francisco de Saa (son-in-law of Joã Baptista) are allso concerned and he now gave a writeing in five hundred Pag^{s}: penalty in behalfe of himselfe and unckle that the saltpetre should not be sold wi[th the] said ship. It is upon this occasion resolved that if ffrancisco de Mendez or Francisco de Saa or any other Portuguez Inhabitant of S^{t}: Thoma shall buy or sell with the said ship, they shall not be admitted for the future to come into Madrasse, nor have any dealings wth: any Inhabitant of Madrasse.

M^{r}: Meverell and M^{r}: Lovell having been on Saturday last at S^{t}: Thoma in company wth: some persons belonging to the Ship, they were sent for, and upon examination given the following account.

That M^{r}: Mayor Cap^{t}: Parham & themselves about five a clocke on Saturday in the evening went out in Palanqueens to take the air, and goeing through S^{t}: Thoma were invited by Senhor Lucas Luiz to drink a glass of wine, w^{ch}: invitation they accepted of and at their comeing into his house found two Englishmen

(Strangers to them all) there but upon inquirey what ship it was, and from whence she came, they answered the Resolution Cap^{t}: Etherington Commander from the south seas and Battavia, they thereupon imagining them to be Interlopers immediately tooke their leaves and came away.

M^{r}: Edward Tredcroft pays into the R^{t}: H: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: 8: 30 fanams on acco^{t}: Town Conicoplies Duty for three months Ending May last, and Pag^{s}: 49: 33: 20: to the Secretary on account Peddinaigues duty for ditto time.

Ordered that Francisco de Brett be entertained to serve as a souldier in this Garrison at Portuguez pay.

The Attorny Generall delivers his opinion (as entered in the Copy book of Letters) upon the examination of witnesses relateing to the Death of Jua a Lascar belonging to Ship Dolphin, That the accusation was by combination and therefore no ground for prosecution.

It is ordered that Captain Owen Channell be not prosecuted till further matter shall appear.

Calloway Chittee, Ragga Chittee and Servina were sent for and particularly admonished not to have any dealings wth: the people belonging to the ship at S^{t}: Thoma.

THO: WRIGHT. NAT: HIGGINSON.
M: EMPSON. JO: STYLEMAN.
E: TREDCROFT. FFRANCIS ELLIS.

TO THE AVALDAR OF ST. THOMA.

I am informed that two days past a ship came into S^{t}: Thoma road wth: English Colours and that the S^{t}: Thoma people do trade wth: them for saltpetre and provisions. I know not what they are or who they belong to or when they came. But I know they don't belong to y^{e}: English Company, and therefore if any damages shall follow to the Kings people or their Ships the English Company is not answerable, you have heard of Pirats upon the sea, whose evill actions have been unjustly charged to the English Company, who have suffered more by them then any others. You will do well to consider, I write this that neither you nor I may be blamed.

NAT: HIGGINSON.

TO SENHOR LUCAS LUIZ CAP^{T}: MORE OF ST. THOMA.

Wee are informed that two days past a Ship came into S^{t}: Thoma road wth: English Colours and that you entertain the people belonging to that ship in your House and that they are buying saltpetre and provisions of your people. Wee know not what they are or who they belong to or from whence they came. But wee know they don't belong to y^{e}: English Company, and therefore if any damage shall follow to yourselves or the Mogulls people or their ships the English Company is not answerable. But wee hereby declare you and all those that do abett and assist them answerable for all damages and if you shall now do the Hon^{ble}: English Company so great mischief by entertaining trade with and assisting that ship, wee shall hold ourselves discharged from the rules of friendship which we have hitherto observed and shall further thinke ourselves obliged to prosecute such methods as are proper towards those who openly act so injuriously to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company and to those who are much inclined to be.

Your ready friends
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Fort S^{t}. George,
13th: June 1698.

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13 A letter to the Phousdar of S^{t}: Thoma was in his absence sent to his servant wth: a Copy open for his peruseall, upon which he returned answer to Ramapa, that he would send it, and that he had immediately on the arrivall of the ship advised his Master, whose orders he would follow.

The Letter to the Cap^{t}: More being sent by John Carroon, he promised to send answer tomorrow.

No advices of any goods brought ashore this day or carried off except two cows some fowl & fruits sent by the Cap^{t}: More as a present to the Commander.

Advised that Cap^{t}: Etherington refuseth to bring Goods ashore, but requires Merchants to deliver and receive all aboard.

14 Received a Letter from the Cap^{t}: More of S^{t}: Thoma dated this day, wherein he excuses the reception of the English belonging to the ship as a matter of common Hospitallity to a nation in friendship wth: Portugall, comeing for water and Provisions and denies that the Natives have traded for Saltpetre, but if they shall trade 'twill be wth: the Natives or the Governour.

Brought ashore from the Resolution & carryed to Lucas Luiz his house, a Newry and four yards of Broad cloth for a present for the Avaldar a Hamper of wine, bundle of white paper and muster of sugar and sent off 14 or 16 Butts [. . .].

15 Received a Letter from Verdupa, adviseing that the Nabobs Camp is in preparation for removeing by the Kings Order, Daud Caun for Bolligatt, Dulpatraw for Adoni, and the Nabob for Mizore to meet Didder Bux (Sultan Azam Tarra's son) and that the Duan doth now appear to manage affairs at the Camp and that Assid Cawn is imprisoned.

[15TH] Received a Generall Letter from y^{e}: Presid^{t}: of Surat. Allso a Letter from Francisco Mendez & Francisco d' Saa from S^{t}: Thoma promiseing not to truck Saltpetre for sugar wth: the English Ship at S^{t}: Thoma.

THURSDAY 16TH ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{L}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: LIEUT: GEN^{LL}: OF INDIA

M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS
M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT M^{R}: MATTHEW EMPSON
M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT

M^{r}: Thomas Wright read his Sea Customers account for the month May last, particulars Viz^{t}:

To Custom on Goods Imported and Exported this month	Pag^{s}:	2176:	9: 1
To Custom on Grain	„	44:	20: 4
To Anchorage	„	42:	=: =
To Tonnage	„	130:	20: =
	Pag^{s}:	2,393:	13: 5

Generall Letter from ffort S^{t}: David dated 14th: Instant rec^{d}: this day read. Allso Generall Letters to Fort S^{t}: David, Vizagapatam, and to M^{r}: Philip Noden at Metchlepatam all of this date read and approved.

THO: WRIGHT. NAT: HIGGINSON.
M: EMPSON. JO: STYLEMAN.
E: TREDCROFT. FFRANCIS ELLIS.

16 This afternoone the English Ship sailed out of S^{t}: Thoma road to the Northward.

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Dispatched Generall Letters to the Gov^{r}: & Councill of Fort S^{t}: David to the Chief & Councill at Vizagapatam and to M^{r}: Philip Noden at Metchlepatam all of this date.

ATT A CONSULTATION FRIDAY 17

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: LIEUT: GEN^{LL}: OF INDIA
M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS
M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT M^{R}: MATTHEW EMPSON
M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT

Three Letters from Amirjeahn received yesterday and today, with the Draught of a Perwanna which the Nabob offers to give (but demands ten thousand Pag^{s}:) read w^{ch}: draught being not approved. It is resolved to insist upon the 17
draught last sent from hence, and allow Amirjeahn liberty to promise 10,000 Pag^{s}: if the Nabob will grant that or a better.

Letters to Amirjeahn and the Nabob of this date, read and approved.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
M. EMPSON.
E: TREDCROFT.

Ship William and Mary George Willock Master arrived from Fort S^{t}: David by whom received a Generall Letter dated 16th: Instant.

Last night ship Ellizabeth William Legatt Master arrived from Battavia and 18
China and this [morning] ship Eagle John Cockroft master from Battavia.

About noon a Peon sent to Pollicat brought word that the English ship which sailed from S^{t}: Thoma anchored in Pollicat road beforenoon and y^{e}: D^{r}: and Purser went ashore to the Dutch factory.

Dispatched Generall Letters to the Chief and Councill of Pollicat, to the Governour & Councill of ffort St. David and to the Governour and Councill of Negapatam all of this date.

Received a Generall Letter from the Chief & Council of Vizagapatam dated 19
21st: May last wth: Copy of their Consultation & Diary from the 12th: April 1698 to the 23^{d}: May last.

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 20TH

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: LIEUT: GEN^{LL}: OF INDIA
M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS
M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT M^{R}: MATTHEW EMPSON
M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT

Generall Letter to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company dated the 18th: Instant to be sent Viâ Bombay to Paragraph the 22 read.

Generall Letter from Vizagapatam dated 24 May and from ffort S^{t}: David dated 18th: Instant wth: translate of a Letter from Amirjeahn received this day read: (that from Amirjeahn adviseing that the Nabob will not adde a word to the Perwanna he offered (received 16th: Instant) and that from fort S^{t}: David giveing the opinion and reasons for accepting thereof for fear of greater losses by delay, which may at last oblige to the accepting of a worse.

Having on the 17th: Instant sent the draught of a Perwanna to Amirjeahn, and ordered him to trye againe the procury of that, It is resolved to deferr writeing to Amirjeahn till wee shall receive his answer to said Letter, if received in three days.

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Mr: Thomas Wright Sea Customer pays into ye: Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 1600 on account sea Customs.

Ordered that Pags: one thousand be paid to Mr: John Styleman and Pags: 345 to Mr: Daniel Acworth being for two Bills drawn by the Governour and Councill of fort St: David dated the 14th: and 16th: Instants.

Mr: Charles ffleetwood having alledged to us that there were some manifest Errors in his account as stated by Court, and being ordered to produce the same in writeing, doth now deliver a paper of sundry particulars wch: is delivered to ye: accomptant to examine and report what particulrs: shall appear [. . .] charged or miscast.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
M: EMPSON.
E: TREDCROFT.

22 Received a Generall Letter from the Chief & Councill of Pollicat dated [. . .].

THURSDAY 23 ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT

All the Councill being duely summoned.

Letters from the Chief and Councill of Pollicat, from four blacke merchants and from Hojee Mahomod Allee, received on the 21st: and 22d: Instants read. All relateing to ship Resolution, the purport whereof is that they don't admitt of trade. It is noted that they produced a writeing with two seals wch: they call the Kings Commission.

Letter to Hodjee Mahomod Allee & to ye: Chief and Councill of Pollicat, both of this date read.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
M. EMPSON.
E: TREDCROFT.

23 Dispatched a Generall Letter to the Chief and Councill of Pollicat of this date.

FRIDAY 24TH ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: MATTHEW EMPSON
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT

(Translates of two Letters receiv'd last night from Amirjeahn, read wherein he advises that the Nabob will not grant any other perwanna then according to the Draught last sent us wch: he thinkes is firme at least for this Nabobs time and desires that the money may be sent, or that he may have leave to come away wth: a note that wee must either take that Perwanna or prepare for warr, which being considered wth: our former Entries of Consultation 14th: April and 8th: May, Letters to Fort St: David 29th: January, 9th: of April & 3rd: May, and from Fort St: David [. . .] May and 18th: Instant and our Letter to the Rt: Honble: Company Dated 18th: Instant Par: 7, 8, 9, 10. (It is resolved

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that Amirjeahn be ordered to take again if he can gett the Nabobs perwanna altered according to the draught sent from hence as far as he can, and if he cannot to accept that offered by the Nabob without expecting further orders.

That Eight thousand Pag^{s}: be remitted to him by bill, so soon as bills procureable.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
E: TREDCROFT.

S^{t}: David Brigantine Edm^{d}: Ford master arrived from Fort S^{t}: David by whom received a Generall Letter dated 23^{d}: Instant Incloseing Invoice & Bill of Lading for 43 bales Laden on said Brigantine. 24

ATT A CONSULTATION SATURDAY 25TH

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: LIEUT: GEN^{LL}: OF INDIA
M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS
M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT M^{R}: MATTHEW EMPSON
M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT

Letter from Amirjeahn received last night, wth: an answer thereunto, and to his two Letters received the 23^{d}: read.

Ordered, that the warehousekeeper unlade forty three bales come from Fort S^{t}: David by the S^{t}: Davids Brigantine.

Ordered that the following things be ꝑvided and sent to Fort S^{t}: David by the S^{t}: David Brigantine Viz^{t}:

lb.	lb.	
4 Guns from 10 to 18 or four such as can be spared.		
5 Candy of Brimstone		To be bought by the Paymaster.
5 Chest of Rosewater		
1 Candy Kismis		
1 Candy Raisins		
1 Candy Almonds		
10 Maund walnuts &c^{a}:		
3 Candy Java & Tessinda Sugar		
1 Corge redd Bettellas.	To be sent from the Godown.	

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
E: TREDCROFT.

Dispatched a Generall Letter to Fort S^{t}: David dated this day incloseing copy of our Letter to Amirjeahn. 25

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 27TH

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: LIEU^{T}: GEN^{LL}: OF INDIA
M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS
M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT M^{R}: MATTHEW EMPSON
M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT

M^{r}: Francis Ellis read his Callico warehouse acco^{t}: for the month of May last. There being a report that M^{r}: Henry Dobyns was privately married to

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Mr: Rachel Baker, he was sent for and examined, and doth declare that he is married to her by a Romish priest who he is informed is now gone to Bengall, but refuses to tell time, place or person or produce a certificate whereupon he was ordered not to goe out of the Fort without leave.

Ordered that one thousand Pags be paid to Mr: Matthew Empson Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison. Ordered that ffive thousand Pags: be taken up at Interest at Eight ℔ Cent ℔ annum for which Bills to be given for three months.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
E: TREDCROFT.

27 Brigantine Johanna George Heron Commandr arrived in this road from Battavia by whom recd a Generall Letter from Capt. James Minty Commandr of the Nassan dated the [*Lacuna in the original.*]

Received a General Letter from Anjengo dated the 5th: May last.

THURSDA 30TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: MATTHEW EMPSON
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT

Ordered that Antonio D'Silvia Portuguez be entertained to serve as a souldier in this Garrison and John Williams in the Gun room crew.

Mr: Matthew Empson Paymaster read his account Disbursement for the month of May last particulars Vizt:—

Charges Garrison	Pags:	965: 6
Charges Cattle	„	24: 12
Vizagapatam	„	1:
Charges Extraordinary	„	7: 28
Charges Diett	„	254: 9
Charges Merchandize	„	29: 24
Ship Sedgewick	„	6: 23
Account Plank	„	108: 4
Account Freight	„	25:
Charges Generall	„	544: 15
Account Presents	„	27: 20
Garrison Stores	„	456: 18
West Coast	„	85: 34
Fortifications and repairs	„	110: 13
	Pags:	2,646: 26

Ordered that Pags three thousand be sent to ffort St. David by the St. David Brigantine.

Mr: Hunt and Mr: Warren being discharged by the Court of Admiralty from being concerned that the motion Entred by the Attorney Generall against Mr: Keeling &c: It is ordered that Mr: Warren proceed for Bengall to be Surgeon of that place they having wrote for one. Mr: Jonathan Winder having produced a Bond of one thousand Pags: signed by himselfe Messieurs Braddyll and Alvaro da Fonseca as security for his not holding correspondence or trading wth: Interlopers, the same is accepted and it is resolved that he proceed for Bengall by the first oppertunity.

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Mr: Thomas Wright Sea Customer pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: one thousand on account Sea Custome.

Ordered that three hundred Pags: be paid to Mr: Matthew Empson, being for one Bill drawn by the Governour & Councill of Fort St. David dated the 21st Instant.

Ship Dolphin being broken up, It is ordered that her Plank, Timber stores &cs., be all sold by Mr: Wright and Mr: Empson by outcry at the Sea gate on Monday the 4th July.

Mr: Dobyns being further examined concerning his Private marriage doth alledge that he is under the obligation of an Oath not to discover the persons present at his marriage and that the Priest who married them is gone for Bengall, and therefore cannot prove his marriage by wittnesses or Certificate, and offers their own Oaths.

Resolved that till Mr: Dobyns doth prove his marriage he be not permitted to live with the woman as man and wife and to prevent their Cohabitation (He now declareing his request that he may returne to England by the first ship) That in the mean time he either proceed for Fort St. David or remaine in the Fort without liberty of goeing out into her company till the marriage be proved, which is referred to his own choice.

The foregoeing being read by Mr: Dobyns he chooses to remain in the Fort.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
E: TREDCROFT.

By Danes conveyance received a Letter from Capt. Erle Comr of Ship Sampson dat: 24th April 98, adviseing his safe arrivall at the Cape of Good Hope. Allso that ye King William sailed from thence for England two months before he came there and ships Charles Scepter and Sidney that day. 30.

Dispatched a Generall Letter for Fort St. David dated this day. Incloseing Invoice and Bill of Lading allso an Ensigne commission for Michael Smith. JULY 2ND.

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 4TH

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: MATTHEW EMPSON
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

The Arrac farmers pay into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: 150 for one month ending ulto April 1698.

Mr: John Foquett Rentall Generall pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 577 on account Quit rents.

Mr: Joseph Lister requesting leave to goe a voyage to Bengall. It is resolved by majority that he may goe giveing one thousand Pags: security for his good behaviour and for not corresponding or dealing wth: Interlopers being informed that the last time he was in Bengall he had correspondence with Interlopers and otherwise misbehaved himselfe. The Vizagapatam Generall Letter dat: 24th: May last and their Consultation 28th: April having been perused. It is observed that they persist in their opinion that they cannot defray the factory charges for the sume limited by the Rt: Honble: Company and give the following reasons against withdrawing ye: ffactory upon account of charges.

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1st. The Countrey is settled and the Merchants offer to make an Investment of 50,000 Pags: in six months.

2. If the Factory be withdrawn the Merchts: Debt will be lost.

3dly. It cannot be resetled again so well as it is now.

4, 5. A resettlement will occasion a great charge in presents &ca: and in removeing and carrying backe stores &ca:

6, 7. The Factory Buildings will be pulled down and cannot be rebuilt and the Dutch will gett away the weavours & the Duan ruein ye: Merchts:

Concerning which it is considered—

1st. That two years since there was the same good appearance of a settlement &ca: and the Chief &ca: advised the sending of 60000 Pags: to make an Investment, whereupon wee sent but 24080 Rups: and Pags: 15000 in July 1696. They could not invest a third part & sent 14000 rupees of it to Bengall in April 1697. There can bee no better appearance now then there was then of a firm lasting settlemt:

2nd. The old Merchants Debt of 6000 Pags: is equally desperate whether the factory be continued or removed, for if they have not been able to pay any part in six years, they cannot now, some being Dead, the rest scattered or broke.

3rd. If the new Merchants can Invest 60000 Pags: in six months they can bring in the arrears of their contract in a little time.

4, 5. The charges of removeing the Factory will be inconsiderable to the present yearly excesse of charges above the usuall proportion of Investments or about the summe Limited.

3, 6, 7. The Factory hath been removed and resettled and therefore may againe.

From the premises, It is resolved that if the charges of Vizagapatam factory can be reduced to the sume limited by the Rt: Honble: Company that it be continued, but if it cannot, the reasons alledged by the Chief and Councill of Vizagapatm: are not valid for its continuance at ye: present excesse of charge.

But there is another reason against a totall withdrawing, wch: hath not been duely considered, Vizt. That the Dutch, French or Dane may strike in with the Government for the Place. To prevent which it is resolved that it be propounded to Mr: Owen with one factor or writer to continue in the factory (after the rest are withdrawn) & carry on small Investments and to be allowed five ℘ Cent upon the amount of their Investments and no more for all charges whatsoever except salary, till the Rt: Honble: Companys pleasure be further known.

Mr: Ellis his Bengall account & the severall papers and answers relateing thereunto, having been perused it is observed.

That Mr: Ellis his principal allegations relateing to the question of Interest in his paper dated the 4th: November are.

1st. That the goods which he receivd from the Rt: H: Company above 17465 Rupees were all or the greatest part prized wth: him by Mr: Beard warehouse-keeper under the tree, and were delivered to him after he was out of the factory and consequently out of his power to order or demand more then due.

That notwithstanding his many requests to the Agent &ca: that Sunker the warehousekeeper Banyan (without whome the accounts could not be adjusted) might come and give in the accounts, yet whenever Sunker came to him and was entred into businesse, the Agent, Mr: Beard or Mr: Winder sent for him away, so that he could not gett the account finished till the 15th: November 1694 from wch: time he commenced the account of Interest.

3. He blames the Agent &ca: that they did not take that care they ought, to make him sensible of the Debt to the Rt: Honble: Company and if they had been as willing as he the money had been paid sooner.

The Agent and Councills answer received the 11th: April 1698.

To ye: 1st: That the present Agents orders to the warehousekr: &ca: was that Mr: Ellis directions should be observed, that he might cleare the Investment of what he gave out money for, and that the present Agent would begin the

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ensueing years, because Mr: Ellis had all the Merchants contracts and could thereby distinguish what was the Comps: and what was permissive.

To the 2d: The Agent and Mr: Beard deny that they ever sent for Sunker when they knew that he was with Mr: Ellis and Mr: Winder being here, doth also deny the same for himselfe.

To the 3d: They plead the same against Mr: Ellis as he against them.

The 2d: & 3d: are mutually affirmed and denyed and don't appear, and therefore are of no great wth: in the decision of the question. But it is very probable Mr: Ellis might (thô the Agent &cn: had secretly obstructed wch: they would not do openly) have finished the adjustment of the accounts wth: the warehousekr: Banyan in lesse then nine months time, and if the Agent &cn: had taken due care they might have compe'ld Mr: Ellis and the Banyan to finish it sooner.

But the first Article is the main question whethr: Mr: Ellis or the warehousekeeper ought to have made up the account & wch: of them failed.

It appears that the adjustment of the accots: was incumbent on Mr: Ellis by ye: following ꝑticulars.

1st. The Agent and Mr: Beard affirms the finishing of the contract made by Mr: Ellis, while Agent was left to him, wch: is further proved by the following.

2nd. Mr: Ellis doth own that he had all the Merchts: contracts in his hands and that he did actually make up their accounts, and delivered up severall of their Contracts when finished, and hath still some of them in his keeping.

3rd. Mr: Ellis doth own in his Paper that he prized those Goods wth: the warehousekeepr:

4thly. Mr: Ellis doth produce severall accots: of those prized Goods signed by the warehousekeeper, being mixed part permissive, and part the Comps: why should such accounts be delivered to him after he ceased to be Agent unlesse the adjustment of the Investment were left to him and why should he receive them and make up accots: wth: ye: Merchants and deliver their contracts unlesse he understood it.

5th, Mr: Ellis doth own that out of the Companys goods mentioned in the said accounts he received all those Goods which he received on account of the twenty thousand rupees (except Rs: 17465 Laden on the Charles and Sampson) & consequently must know that he received more then his due for in the months of February & March 169¾ he actually Laded them (or the greatest part) on ships bound for Madrasse by Invoice, and it lyes upon him to demonstrate how he could Invoice those goods and not know that he had them or not know their account.

6. Mr: Winder who was warehousekeeprs: assistant for four years (and the whole time in question) declares that he keept the warehouse prize Bookes of all the Comps: Goods except the permissive goods and the goods prized and Embaled under the tree which was done by Mr: Ellis and Mr: Beard, and that after ye: dispatch of the Charles he did not enter any goods into the warehouse prize Booke, till the Merchants brought them in upon Agent Eyres his Contract.

7. The finishing the Contract being thus left to Mr: Ellis direction and undertaken by him. It was the warehousekeepers part to deliver the accounts of the goods as prized to him wch: he did, tho it cant appear whether he delivered them so soon as he ought or might have done, nor what was the reason why they were not delivered sooner, and Mr: Ellis doth affirme that the warehousekeepr: did never deliver an account of Narrandats goods amount to Rupees 3,036:-9:-9: but Mr: Feake tooke the account thereof in 1694 from the Banyan and Entred the same in Mr: Ellis Booke. The last of the accounts produced being Dated 24th May for goods delivered in April. Those accounts of ye: warehousekeeper do distinguish the goods into the permissive account and the Comps: account and note some delivered to Mr: Ellis. Now Mr: Ellis doth alledge that he could not understand their account till he was informed by Sunker in November 1694 and yet Sunker was the man that delivered him the account thereof by wch: they were Invoiced in February & March 169¾.

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By the forementioned accots: it doth allso appear that all those over plus goods were not delivered to Mr: Ellis by the 15th: January the time of commencing the Interest, but some in April and the account thereof dated by the warehousekeepr: 24th: May and therefore the account of Interest ought to be made up from the times when ye: severall parcells were delivered, whereof nobody can give an account but Mr: Ellis or ye: warehousekeepr:

Resolved that till Mr: Ellis doth give a satisfactory account of the times of receiving the over plus goods (wch: he must know by his own particular accounts those Goods having been Laden on Countrey ships mostly in February or March $169\frac{3}{4}$) that he stand charged wth: the full Interest from the 15th: January as Entred in the Bengall account, and thô the warehousekeepr: were faulty in not delivering the accounts so soon as he ought, yet that he ought not to pay any part of the interest, because he had no part of the Goods, but Mr: Ellis did actually receive them all to his own use.

Resolved, that Mr: Ellis have creditt for 350 rups: the value of his House in Chutanuttee, as advised by the Agent and Councill being taken by them for the Honble: Compas: account and for 108 Rups: wine, whereof the Agent and Councill acknowledge part to be spent at the Generall Table, & that Mr: Ellis do pay the balance of that account being Pags: 90 : 32 : 1 : and when Mr: Ellis shall make appear what part of the Goods he recd: after the 15th: January, that he be repaid so much as the Interest.

Resolved that Mr: Ellis do deliver here ye: Merchts: Contracts in his hands that they may be sent to Bengall.

Generall Letters to Bengall & Vizagapatam of this date & translate from Amirjeahn received this day and from the Councill of Sadraspatam read.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
E: TREDCROFT.

5TH Received a Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated the 2d Instant.

6 Att nine a clocke this morning a ship with a Pennant came to anchor in the road, wch: being taken down and a fflagg hoisted Mr: Empson was sent aboard to know the meaning. Sometime after the Cattamaran brought a Letter directed to the President and Councill of Fort St: George signed Thomas Pitt, acquainting he was appointed President and Governour of the Honble: Comps: affairs in these parts whereupon the Councill being summoned it was agreed to deferr giveing an answer till Mr: Empsons returne.

Mr: Empson not being returnèd att five a clocke this afternoone an answer was sent of to the said Letter.

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THE CONSULTATION & DIARY BOOK OF THE HONBLE: THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA: COUNCILL THEIR PROCEEDINGS & TRANSACTIONS IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE RT: HONOURABLE ENGISH EAST INDIA COMPA: IN THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COAST OF CHORMANDELL &CA: BEGUN THE 7TH: JULY 1698.

ATT A CONSULTATION — THUESDAY 7TH

Present

THE HONBLE THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: — MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS — MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT — MR: MATTHEW EMPSON

The Honble: Thomas Pitt Esqr: comeing ashore about nine a clocke this morning, produced his Comission dated the 5th: January 169⅞ appointing him President for the Rt: Honble: Companys affairs on the Coast of Choromandell and Orixa, and of the Chingee and Moratta Countreys and Governour of Fort St: George and Fort St: David and Nathl: Higginson, John Styleman, William Fraser, Francis Ellis, Roger Braddyll, Charles Barwell, Thoms: Wright, Edward Tredcroft, and Matthew Empson of Councill revokeing of the Commission dated 6th: March 1694, so far as it relates to the establishing of the Lieutenant Generall President and Councill Fort St: George, which [. . .] Generall did resigne the chair and deliver the keys of the Fort to the said Thomas Pitt Esqr.

And whereas Mr: William Fraser and Mr: Roger Braddyll both nominated in said Comission stand suspended from acting in this Councill, the President thought fitt to deferr the consideration thereof for the present.

The President produced a Pacquett from ye: Rt: Honble: Company containing Papers according to a List as Entred after this Consultation, whereof their Generall Letter & Instructions dated 26th: January last, read.

The Councill acquainted the President of ye: treaty depending with the Nabob relateing to Fort St: David, and of the necessity of a speedy resolution. Amirjeahn the Armenian Vaqueel having by his two last Letters received the 4th: & 6th: Instants (which were read) acquainted that the Nabob had condescended to ye: granting of the desired Perwannas, and that the Perwannas were ready, and desired that ten thousand Pags: might be presently sent, otherwise ye: oppertunity of getting the Perwannas will be lost, because the Nabob is designed in few days against Tanjore, and Amirjeahn himselfe is sicke and cant stay.

The Fort St: George Generall Letter to the Rt: Honble: Company dated [. . .] to Paragraph the 14 being read, and the circumstances of things debated there appearing a difficulty in resolveing suddainly, the further consideration thereof is referred till tomorrow morning.

The late Lieutenant Generall produced & read his account of the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash for the month of June last, the balance being Pa: 8,808: 21: allso the account of Cash for this month to this day, the balance being Pags: 6,535: 21: 1 wch: was delivered to the charge of the Honble: President wth: the balance of the Talliars money in charge of the Secretary being Pags: 3,079: 23: 2: the account whereof was now produced.

Ordered that 25 chests of Ingott Silver Vizt: No. 59 to 71: & from 39 to 50 and six chest of Dollars No. 1 9, 120, 121: 122: 135 & 136: be brought ashore from ship Martha, and that all the chests of Ingotts be delivered to the mintmaster to be coined.

THO: WRIGHT. — THO: PITT.
E: TREDCROFT. — NAT: HIGGINSON.
M: EMPSON. — JO: STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.

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List of the Packett for Fort S^{t}: George sent on the Martha by Thomas Pitt Esq^{r}: President.

1. Companys Commission for settling the Presid^{t}: & Councill at the Fort Dated 5th: January 1697.
2. Comp^{s}: Instructions to the President & Councill dated the 26 January 169$\frac{7}{8}$.
3. Comp^{s}: Generall to the Fort dated 26th: January 169$\frac{7}{8}$.
4. Invoice of the Martha } what concern's the Bay to be sent wth: the ship
5. Bill Lading of Ditto } thither.
6. Charter party of the said ship to be sent down to the bay wth: her.
7. List of Goods to be provided on the Coast.
8. List of Goods that have & have not been sent of late years.
9. Copy of the Comp^{s}: Generall to the Fort dated 16th: April 1697 sent by the Tavestocke.
10. Copy of the Comp^{s}: Generall to the Fort Dated 8th: Dec^{r}: 1696 ℔ Amity.
11. Copy of the Comp^{s}: Generall to the Fort dated 4th: May 1697: by the Tavestocke.
12. Copy of the Comp^{s}: Generall to ditto dated 1st: Sept^{r}: 1697 sent overland.
13. Copy of the Comp^{s}: Generall to Bencoolen dated 23^{d}: July 1697: sent on the Nassau.
14. Copy of the Comp^{s}: Generall to Ditto dated 27th: of October 1697: sent on the Trumball Gally.
15. Auditor Generalls Letter dated 5th: February 169$\frac{7}{8}$.
16. Copy of Ditto sent by the Tavestocke dated 21st: April 1697.
17. Comp^{s}: Generall Letter to Nath^{l}: Higginson Esq^{r}; dated y^{e}: 28th: January 169$\frac{7}{8}$ sent under a flying seal for your peruseall and takeing copy of.
18. Comp^{s}: Generall to Fort S^{t}: Davids dated 25th: January 169^{7} sent under a flying seal to be forwarded thither.
19. Copy of Cap^{t}: Raynes Instructions dated 26th: January 169$\frac{7}{8}$ to be returned to Bengall with the ship.
20. Printed copy of the Companys By Laws.
21. Copy of a Free Merchants Covenants & Bond to ℔ forme them.
22. Copy of M^{r}: Trenchfields Petition.
23. Petition of John Wessendonck & papers thereunto relateing.
24. Printed Articles of Peace between England and France.
25. Comp^{s}: Letter to the President of the Fort & Agent of Bengall dated 4th ffebruary 169$\frac{7}{8}$.
26. Comp^{s}: Generall to Bombay dated 5th ffebruary 169$\frac{7}{8}$ to be forwarded thither by Expresse immediately.

FRIDAY 8TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: THOMAS PITT ESQ^{R}: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
NATH^{L}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN
M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT M^{R}: MATTHEW EMPSON

Ordered that Edward Redshaw be Entertained to serve in the Gunroom crew.

Fort S^{t}: George Generall Letters to Bengall and Vizagapatam dated the 4th: Instant were read, & the contents thereof discoursed and an addition to each of this day read and approved.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: 42: 35: fan^{s}: be paid to D^{r}: Warren being so much due to him from the R^{t}: H: Company on balance of the last Tonqueen Books and for

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salary due to the 25th: March 1698 as appears by an account now produced stated by the Accompt: and examined by him with Messieurs Blackmore Watts and Lovell.

The matter relateing to the procurey of the Nabobs Perwanna being further debated. It is resolved that Amirjeahn do proceed therein, and that Eight thousand Pags: be sent him as ordered by Consultation of the 24th: past.

Ordered that all the Treasure and Goods from ship Fame (now arrived) be unladen, and all ye: Goods from on board ship Martha. And that Mr: Ellis, Mr: Shaw and Mr: Hynmerse do weigh and report the silver from England by Ships Martha and Fame.

THO: PITT.
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
E: TREDCROFT.
M: EMPSON.

LIST OF THE COMPANYS PACKETT TO THE FORT BY YE: FAME.

1. Comps: Instructions to the President & Councill dat: 26th: Janry: 9⅞.
2. Comps: Generall to the Fort dated 26th: January 169⅞.
3. Invoice of the Fame.
4. Bill of Lading Ditto.
5. Charter party of the said ship.
6. List of Goods to be provided on the Coast for the year 1698.
7. List of Goods that have & have not been sent of late years.
8. Copy of the Comps: Generall to ye: Fort dated the 16th: April 1698. Sent by the Tavestocke.
9. Copy of the Comps: Letter to Ditto dated the first Septr: 1697. Sent overland.
10. Printed copy of the Comps: By Laws.
11. Copy of a Free merchts: Covenant & Bond to performe them.
12. Copy of Mr: Trenchfields Petition.
13. Comps: Letter to Nathl: Higginson Esqr: dated 28th: January 169⅞.
14. Printed Articles of Peace between England and France.
15. Comps: Generall to Fort St: David dated 26th: January 169⅞ sent under a flying seal and to be forwarded thither.
16. Copy of the Auditor Generalls Letter to the Fort dated the 5th: February 169⅞.

Dispatched a Generall Letter to Fort St: David of yesterdays date, Incloseing a Generall from the Rt: Honble: Company for that Place. 9

ATT A CONSULTATION SATURDAY 9TH.

Present

THE HONBLE: THOMAS PITT ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR — MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS — MR:
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT — MR: MATTHEW EMPSON.

All the Councill being duely summoned.

Ordered that the warehousekeeper do deliver so much says to the Paymaster at Invoice price as is necessary to cloth the souldiers now come over upon shipps Martha and Fame, and such others as want, and the Paymaster to deduct the amount out of their Pay.

[9TH]. ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 1698*——

Letter to Amirjeahn of this date read. Copy whereof is ordered to be entred after this Consultation.

Mr: Henry Dobyns being sent for & further examined concerning his marriage doth now produce two wittnesses Mr: John Sewell and Mrs: Anne Masters, who do both affirm upon oath that they saw Henry Dobyns and Rachell Baker marryed by a person in the habit of a Portuguez Padry, sometime within two months past. Hee is thereupon ordered to be discharged from his present confinement, but what punishment to be inflicted is referred to further consideration.

THO: PITT.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
E: TREDCROFT.
M: EMPSON.

To AMIRJEAHN.

The Honble: English East India Company have appointed me President and Chief Govr: for their affairs in these parts. I am but lately arrived and have not had time to peruse all the Letters which have been sent to you or receiv'd from you concerning the Nabobs Perwanna, but understanding by your last letter that you have agreed wth: the Nabob for his Perwanna and want money to make good your agreement I have now sent you three Bills for seven thousand Pags: Viz. One drawn by Harrasing on Jeagopoll for 3,500 Pags: one by Suncha Rama on Nellacuntee for 3,100 and one for 400, when you have recd: the money advise pray make an end of the businesse and gett as good Perwannas as you can. I should be glad to see you here. I intend in a short time to write a Letter to the Nabob. I shall in a day or two (so soon as I can gett a Bill) send you a thousand Pags: more, thô I hope you will not have occasion for it.

Fort St: George 9th: July 1698.

9 This Evening the aforewritten Letter with the Bills therein mentioned were sent to Amirjeahn.

MONDAY 11TH ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT MR: MATTHEW EMPSON

The warehousekeeper is ordered to deliver out of chest No. 122. One bag No. 437 (containing 1264 Dollars) to Mr: Thomas Marshall, being advised to be sent him by his ffather in the 38. Paragraph of the Rt: H: Cs: Generall dated 26th: January 169$\frac{7}{8}$ takeing his receipt for the same.

Discoursed concerning sending two Factors to Metchlepatam for provideing paintings &ca: Goods procurable in those parts required by the Rt: Honble: Company, but came to no resolution.

Resolved that tomorrow morning at Eleven o'clocke, the proclamation of Peace between England and France be read with the usuall solemnity at the inner Fort Gates & afterwards at all the Gates of the Citty and that the Rt: Honble: Comps: Commission appointing the Honble: Thomas Pitt Esqr: President

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[of the] Coast of Choromandell &c^{a}: and Governour of Fort S^{t}: George and Fort S^{t}: David, be read at the new Garden after dinner, all the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: servants and Freemen being invited to a treat there by y^{e}: Govern^{r}: [11TH].

THO: WRIGHT. THO: PITT.
E: TREDCROFT. NAT: HIGGINSON.
M: EMPSON. JO: STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.

Ships Acheen Merchant Robert Masfen Master and William and Mary George Willocke Master sailed for Bengall by the Latter sent a Pacquett to the Agent and Councill containing Generall Lres Dated the 4th: & 8th: Instants wth: severall other papers as ℔ List. 11

Ship Diamond Henry Lawrence Master arrived from Persia, by whome received a Generall Letter from M^{r}: Owen &c^{a}: dated the 30th: May last, adviseing the Death of Agent Barwell.

In persuance of yesterdays resolve y^{e}: Peace between England and France was proclaimed, and y^{e}: R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Commission appointing the Hon^{ble}: Thom^{s}: Pitt Esq^{r}: President of the Coast of Choromandell and Governour of Fort S^{t}: George &c^{a}: read publickly at the new Garden after dinner. 12

Received a Generall Letter from Fort S^{t}: David dated the 11th: Instant allso a Generall from Govern^{r}: Pitt &c^{a}: Councill of Negapatam dated the 10 Inst 30 past. 13

Dispatched a Generall Letter to M^{r}: Philip Noden at Metchlepatam of this date.

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 14TH

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: THOMAS PITT ESQ^{R}: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
NATH^{L}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R} M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN
M^{R}: M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT M^{R}: MATTHEW EMPSON

All the Councill being duely summoned.

M^{r}: John Foquett pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: one hundred being in part of his Debts to the R^{t}: H: Company.

Translate of a Letter from Amirjeahn dated the 11th: Instant read.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: 300 be paid by the Paym^{r}: to M^{r}: Alvaro da Fonseca being for Eight large Pearle bought and sent to Amirjeahn for Wottumchund.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: one thousand be paid to Harrasing in part of a Bill drawn by him the 9th: Instant on Jeagopoll for Pag^{s}: 3500 payable to Amirjeahn.

Thomas Wigmore Secretary read his acco^{t}: of Passes for the month of June last, and pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: 2: 24: fan^{s}: on that account.

Discoursed concerning making a Contract wth: the Merchants, but our further resolution is deferred till tomorrow morning, when it is agreed that the Councill meet at Eight a clocke to consider thereof.

Ordered that five chests of Dollars by ship Fame be sold by the warehouse-keep^{r}: but not under 16⅛ for Ten Pagod^{s}:

THO: WRIGHT. THO: PITT.
E: TREDCROFT. NATH: HIGGINSON.
M: EMPSON. JO: STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.

Received a Generall Letter from Fort S^{t}: David Dated the 12th: Instant. 14

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FRIDAY 15TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: THOMS: PITT ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
NATHANLL: HIGGINSON ESQR — MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS — MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT — MR: MATTHEW EMPSON

Generall Letter to Governour Pitt &cª: Councill at Negapatam of this date read.

Ordered that Richard Okell who came out a Corporal on Ship Fame, and was formerly a souldier in this Garrison, where he killed a man in Exercizeing, and stab'd another at Fort St: David, and afterwards endeavoured to entice the souldiers to run away to the Moors, be sent home by the first ship, and that in the meantime he remain in the custody of the Marshall.

Ordered that Thome d'Silvia a Portuguez be Enterd: to serve as a souldier in this Garrison, and Josia Antonia Castiliano in the Gunroom for two years and that Francisco d'Cruce Armenian be discharged from the Gunroom he now requesting it.

The Merchants now appearing and an accot: of the state of their joint stocke being demanded, they desired time till monday next to bring in the same.

THO: PITT.
JO: STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
E: TREDCROFT.
M: EMPSON.

15 Receiv'd a Generall Letter from the Chief and Councill of Sadraspatam dated $\frac{13}{23}$ Instant.

This Evening sent a Letter to Amirjeahn incloseing a Bill drawn by Suncha Rama on Nellacuntee for one thousand Pags:

MONDAY 18TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: THOMS: PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS — MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT — MR: MATTHEW EMPSON.

The Tobacco Farmers pay into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 250: for one month Ending 16th: June Last.

Ordered that Pags: one thousand be paid to Mr: Matt: Empson Paymr: for defraying charges Garrison.

Mr: Edward Tredcroft read his accot: Land Custome for the month of June last particulars Vizt:

Choultrey Custome	Pags:	286:	31: 10:
Triblecane Custome	„	:	4: 5:
Rubie Brokers	„	35:	27: 28:
Cloth Brokers	„	37:	10: 25:
New Town Rents	„	1:	25: 45:
Fines	„	12:	..: ...:
	Pags:	373:	26: 33:

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and pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 372 on that account.

Mr: Thomas Wright Sea Customer pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: one thousand on that account.

Mr: Francis Ellis warehousekeepr: produced an account remains of Goods &ca: to the 30th: April 1698, and his warehouse accots: for the months of May and June last, which were read and pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: 550: on account Goods sold.

The Merchants brought in an account of their Joint stocke stated, the totall amount whereof in Debts standing out, Cloth for sales Godowns &ca: is Pags: 6276: 25: fans:.

Ordered that 9 Anchors from 3 lbs. to 8 lbs. weight be continued on board ship Fame to be delivered at Fort St: David.

Ordered that ten chests of Dollars be unladen from on board ship Martha.

THO: PITT.
JO: STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
E: TREDCROFT.
M: EMPSON.

18 Received a Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated the 16th: Instant.

19 Last night Brigantine Johanna Richard Rawlins master sailed for Bengall.

Dispatched Generall Letters to the Deputy: Govr: & Councill of Fort St: David: and to the Govr: & Councill [. . .].

ATT A CONSULTATION

WEDNESDAY 20TH.

Present

THE HONBLE: THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
NATHANLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT MR: MATTHEW EMPSON.

Mr: Francis Ellis pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: 11092: 14: 3: being for Dollars 17886⅔ weight sold at 16⅔ for ten pags:.

The Fort St: David Generall Letter dated the 1st: Instant now received, read, wherein they advise of severall Moors Governours and Polligars having received orders from the Nabob for joining their Forces with Seileman Cawn at Chellumbrum the number of Horse and foot being near 3000 but their designes unknown.

Upon consideration whereof and 'tis uncertainty what Seileman Cawn's designes may be, It is resolved that ship Fame be immediately sent to Fort St: David with twenty souldiers, Ten thousand Pags: and the severall stores wrote for, or so many of them as are procurable.

Harrasing produceing Amirjeahn's receipt for Pags: 3500: the amount of the Bill drawn by him on Jeagopal the 9th: nstant, whereof he has received one thousand Pags: and now demanding the remaining Pags: 2500. But Amirjeahn not having advised us thereof, It is ordered that the same be paid him he giveing securirty till advice received.

Mr: Edward Owen &ca: Councill of Gombroon having in their Generall Letter dated 30th: May last advised that Mr: Thomas Harbin stands indebted to the Rt: Honble: Company Sahees 67328: 7 goz.: besides Interest, and that they are apprehensive he has not sufficient Estate in Persia to satisfie the same, therefore desire that Sahees 5000 in the hands of Mr: Beard in Bengall may be attached.

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It is ordered that a warrant be taken out of the Court of Admiralty, and sent to the Agent of Bengall by ship Martha for that purpose.

Resolved, that the President and Councill meet tomorrow morning at Eight a clock at the sorting Godown to view the Merchants turned out cloth.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: two hundred be advanc'd to Yeamana &c^{a}: new Painters for provideing more paintings.

THO: PITT.
JO: STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
E: TREDCROFT.
M: EMPSON.

THURSDAY 21ST

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: THOMAS PITT ESQ^{R}: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
NATHANIEL HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN
M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT M^{R}: MATTHEW EMPSON.

Ordered that the warehousekeep^{r}: Lade on board 37½ Tons Redwood and 25 Tons on board ship ffame being the quantity mentioned in said ships Charter parties.

M^{r}: Henry Marshall representing a Petition requesting to be sent to the Bay. It is resolved that he be not sent to the Bay, the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company having ordered in the 49 Paragraph of their Generall Dated the 16th: of April 1697, that he be continued at the Fort till they shall otherwise order.

The Consultation of the 14th: Instant ordering onely five chests of Dollars by the Fame to be sold. It is resolved that the warehousekeeper sell such part of the Dollars as he can, not under 16⅛ weighty Dollars for Ten Pagod^{s}:.

THO: PITT.
JO: STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
E: TREDCROFT.
M: EMPSON.

FRIDAY 22ND

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: THOMAS PITT ESQ^{R}: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
NATHANIEL HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN
M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS: M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT M^{R}: MATTHEW EMPSON.

M^{r}: Francis Ellis warehousekeeper pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Companys Cash Pag^{s}: 9778: 26 Fan^{s}: being for 15768: $\frac{3}{16}$ wighty Dollars at 16⅛ for ten Pagod^{s}.

M^{r}: William Cawley delivering a Petition where he desires that the accounts dureing the time of his being storekeeper may be delivered him to be [restated] and methodized. The accomptant is accordingly ordered to deliver the same to him ℔ List.

Resolved that Henry Vandeur be discharged from Ship Fame, Cap^{t}: Betton consenting thereunto.

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Ordered that John Brown and John d'[Noan] be entertained to serve in the Gunroome.

The accounts depending between the Rt: Honble: Company and Mr: Daniel DuBois are referred to Mr: Higginson, and Mr: Ellis [to] Examine, state and report.

Resolved that Serapa (the present Chief Merchant) do on Monday next produce us a List of Merchants who will subscribe to, and pay in their shares of a new stocke of Ten thousand Pagods: in order to ye: making contract with them and that Serapa haveing power to exclude any person concerned in the last joint stocke from being concerned in the present.

THO: PITT.
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMS: WRIGHT.
E: TREDCROFT
M. EMPSON.

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 25TH

Present

THE HONBLE: THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT MR: MATTHEW EMPSON
NATHANIEL HIGGINSON ESQR *indisposed*

Mr: Thomas Wright Sea Customer read his accot: of Sea Customs for the month of June last ℔ticulars Vizt.

To Custom on Goods Imported and Exported this month	P: 209 : 11 : 3 :
To Custom on Grain	34 : 28 : 2 :
To Anchorage	44 : = : = :
To Tonnage	22 : 8 : = :
To Freight ℔ Ship Dolphin from the West Coast	28 : 9 : 2 :
Pags:	2224 : 21 : 1 :

Received a Letter from Gungather spie Braminy at the Camp adviseing that Amirjeahn had received the Bills for Eight thousand Pags: but wants two thousand Pags: more.

It is resolved, Amirjeahn not having wrote himselfe, that no more Bills be now sent him from hence, but that wee give him liberty to draw Bills upon us for said two thousand Pags: and for so much more as shall be absolutely necessary to expend among the officers.

A Letter to Amirjeahn of this date read and approved.

The President acquainting that he hath contracted with Capt: Rain's for 16 pieces of Ordnance mostly of the size required by Fort St: David at two Pags: a hundred (wth: carriages for Ten) Hee now offers them for the Rt: Honble: Comps: account if the Councill thinke fitt to accept the same.

Resolved that the said Guns be accepted for the Rt: Honble: Companys account, and traversed from on board the Martha to Ship Fame to be delivered at Fort St: David and that Pags: 735 : 30 : be paid to Capt: Rain's for them Custom free.

Owen Channell produceing an attestation signed by William Hale his mate, sworne to before the Judge, wherein he affirms that there was Eight Candy of Pepper Laden on board Ship Dolphin by said Channell for his own accot: [each] voyage, and that no part thereof was any way Disposed of dureing either voyage.

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The warehousekeeper is ordered to make up an account of Pepper due to Owen Channell makeing proportionable abatements for what Lost and damaged.

Serapa now produces a List of 31 Merchts: who have subscribed to 83½ shares at 100 pa: each, towards a new joint stocke of ten thousand Pags: as enterd after this Consultation.

THO: PITT.
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
E: TREDCROFT.
M: EMPSON.

LIST OF MERCHANTS.

Checca Serapa shares	25
Rayasum Ramapa	10
Nayra Verana	10
Coperte Cash	8
Cornapa Chittee	3
Japa Chittee	3
Vincate Kisna	3
Ragga Chittee	3
Purpaude Chittee	3
Berra Ramana	3
Nomesheway Mudeliar	3
Pedde Tombe Chittee	1½
Conche Bolla Chittee	1
Coperte Paupia	1
Yeacolora Chittee	1
Punumbola Tondoa	1
Cowalathe Goupala	1
Venia Yembia	1
Ballaw Quonda Chittee	1
Ande Chittee	½
Rawshapa Chittee	½
Venna Tetta Chittee	½
Cheathe Puttoo Chittee	½
Coyaraw Therowvengalum	½
Vena Yaca Chittee	½
Woothe Wacum Vellapaw	½
Condapa Chittee	½
Shankara Muttamar	½
Shevaraya Chittee	½
Conavarum Ramania	½
Mangathe Linga Chittee	½
Shares	83½

25 Received a Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated the 23rd Instant.
27 Received a Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated the 25th Instant.

THURSDAY [28TH] ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR.
NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT MR: MATTHEW EMPSON.

Generall Letter to Fort St. David of this date and to Bombay dated the 5th and 26th Instants, read and approved.

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Ordered that onethousand Pag^{s}: be paid to M^{r}: Matthew Empson Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

Ordered that Jeremiah Bulteel Portugueze Souldier be discharged, having served out his contracted time.

A Letter from the President to Nabob Zulphaker Cawn of yesterdays date read and approved and ordered to be sent with twenty rupees weight of Ambergrease, wrote for by Amirjeahn for y^{e}: Nabob.

The Attorney Generall pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: fifty being for the fine of Susannade Praida laid on her by the Court of Admiralty.

M^{r}: William Fraser delivers a paper directed to the President of this date (which is ordered to be entered after this Consultation) wherein he requests to know whether his suspension is confirmed, or whether he shall be restored to his former station. It is resolved the Consultations and all other papers relateing to M^{r}: Frasers difference wth: the rest of the Councill be perused by the President, so soone as other businesse will permit.

Discoursed farther with the Merch^{ts}: concerning makeing a Contract, but did not come to a full resolution.

THO: PITT. THO: WRIGHT.
NATH: HIGGINSON. E: TREDCROFT.
Jo: STYLEMAN. M. EMPSON.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: THOMAS PITT PRESID^{T}:
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^{T}: HON^{BLE}: COMP^{A}:
ON Y^{E}: COAST OF CHORMANDELL & GOV^{R}: OF
THE FORTS OF S^{T}: GEORGE AND S^{T}: DAVID.

Whereas on the 12th: Instant y^{e}: Publique reading of the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Commission w^{ch}: appoints your Hon^{r}: President and Governour for their affairs in these parts, I did then take notice that the said Commission do's name and appoint me of the Councill next to M^{r}: Styleman, from w^{ch}: station I have been suspended here, ever since the 23rd of August last. My request to yourselfe is that you will let me know whether you confirme my suspension, or that you will restore me to my former station to either, w^{ch}: I shall submitt, but desire that this my address may be entred in the Consultation Book, w^{ch}: is all at present but that I am with all respect.

Your Hon^{rs}: most humble servant,
WILLIAM FRASER.

Fort S^{t}: George 28th: July 1698.

Dispatched a Generall Letter to Fort S^{t}: David of this date. 28

Ship Mahomodee arrived from Porto Novo and Ballasore.

Ship Fame Cap^{t}: Robert Betton Comm^{r}: sailed for Fort S^{t}: David by whom sent a Pacquet to the Dept^{y}: Gov^{r}: containing duplicate of our Generall dat: yesterday and Bill of Lading. 29

Dispatched a Pacquett to the Generall and Councill of India at Bombay containing a Generall Letter from the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company and our Generall Letter dated the 5th: and 26th: Instants. 30

Ship Mahomodee sailed for Bengall. 31

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY AUGUST ☿[MO]

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: THOMAS PITT ESQ^{R}: PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR
NATH^{L}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN
M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT M^{R}: MATTHEW EMPSON

Ordered that Pag^{s}: 35 : 20 fan^{s}: be paid Cap^{t}: Rains for 109 shott, 11 where of double headed Hammered sho[tt] weighing [cwt.] qr. lb. 17 : 3 : 4.

℔[mo]

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Ordered that Domingo de Lazaro Portugueze be entertained as a souldier in this Garrison and Robert Fox and Herman Noyanee to serve in the Gunroom.

M[r]: Ellis acquainting that Seranghum offers about 300 Candy of redwood at two pag[s]: a Candy and to take Broad cloth for the same at y[e]: selling price. Hee is ordered to receive said redwood and to deliver him broad cloth to the amount thereof and if he shall take any damaged cloth to make him proportionable allowances.

The Merchants having agreed to a Contract for provideing sixty thousand Pag[s]: of Callicoes.

The same is ordered to be entered after this Consultation, to be signed in the afternoone and that ten thousand Pag[s]: be then paid them.

Ordered that the Chief Merchants &c[a]: be Tashereifd as accustomary.

M[r]: Chardin offering a parcell of Painting and chey Goods to sale, supposed proper for the Europe marketts. It is ordered that M[r]: Ellis, M[r]: Mead and M[r]: Lovell do view and report the same, produceing musters to us.

Ordered that Pag[s]: 2988 : 20 fanam : 38 : ca, be paid to Suncha Rama for the Balance of his acco[t]: Corral and Bills of Exchange.

The Mint Master reports that of y[e]: Ingotts received by ship Fame, 45 prove Eager and cannot be used for makeing rupees except refined and there being a present occasion for other silver to alloy the other Ingotts that are finer then rupee matt. It is ordered that 6603, ounces Dollar silver be delivered by the warehouse keeper to the Mint master for that use. M[r]: Higginson and M[r]: Ellis deliver their report of the accounts depending between M[r]: Du Bois and the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Company in persuance of the order of Consultation dated the 22[d] past.

THO: PITT.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
E: TREDCROFT.
M. EMPSON.

Articles of agreement made in Fort St. George this first day of August 1698. Between Thom[s]: Pitt Esq[r]., President &c[a]: Councill for affairs of the R[t]: Hon[ble]: English East India Company and the under written merchants in behalfe of themselves &c[a]: Hundred share Merchants Viz[t]: Checca Serapa, Rayasum Ramapa, Naira Verana, Coperte Cashee Chittee, Vinacate Kisnama, Berra Ramana, Cornapa Chittee, Japee Chittee, Ragga Chittee, Perpaude Chittee, Nomeshaway. The said Merchants do contract that they will provide for the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Company the following goods to the amount of Sixty Thousand Pag[s]: to be sorted by the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Companys sorters according to the usuall musters of Fort St. George and at the following prices Viz[t]:

	Cov.			
Long cloth ordinary	72 Long 2¼ Broad	No. 1	at Pa. 23 : 27	
		2+	25 : =	
		2	26 : 9	
		3	27 : 18	
Long cloth Blew	... ...	D	30 : 27	℔. Corge 24,000
		D+	29 : 18	
Long cloth Brown	... ...	6	26 : 9	
Salampores	32 Long 2⅛ Broad	3	11 : 18	
		9	12 : =	6,000
Salampores Brown	... ...	3	11 : 18	
		9	12 : =	
Ginghams	... 40 Long 2¾ Broad	35	65 : —	6,000
		35+	60 : —	

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Ginghams ...	16 Long	1⅞	Broad	34	32 : —	6,000
				34+	30 : —	
Moorees superfine	18 ,,	2½	,,	12	39 : —	8,000
				11	35 : 18	
Bettellas	40 ,,	2	,,	26	37 : =	10,000
	50 ,,	2	,,	29	37 : =	
				28	34 : 18	
				Pagodas.		60,000

All which goods are to be delivered sorted and Embaled in Fort St. George on or before the tenth of January next ensueing the date hereof, under the usuall penalty of twenty-five ℔ Cent for what they shall deliver short, excepting onely the Impediments w^ch^ : shall unavoidobly arise from warr and the stops made by the Countrey Government.

The said President and Councill do contract and promise to pay unto the said Merch^ts^ : the sume of Ten thousand Pag^s^ : on the sealing hereof and the remaining fifty-thousand Pag^s^ : in y^e^ : following manner :—

On the 15 day of	August	Pag	5000
30	Ditto.	,,	5000
15	September	,,	5000
30	Ditto.	,,	5000
15	October	,,	5000
30	Ditto	,,	5000
15	November	,,	5000
30	Ditto.	,,	5000
15	December	,,	5000
30	Ditto	,,	5000
		P.	60000

And further the said President and Councill do for the better encouragement of said Merchants Contract and promise if the said Merch^ts^ : shall bring in and deliver the said Goods in Fort St. George so that they (shall or) may be all sorted & Embaled by the tenth day of January 1698. That then the said President & Councill will allow unto y^e^ : said Merchants Twenty-five ℔ Cent advance on the forementioned prizes of Long Cloth and Salampores, and five ℔ Cent on the rest Bettellas Excepted, w^ch^ : are to be delivered at the forementioned prizes, w^th^ : out advance. In wittnesse whereof the said Merch^ts^ : have sett their Hands and the seal of their Joint stocke. And the President and Councill have sett their Hands and the seal of the R^t^ : Hon^ble^ : Company unto one other writeng of the same tenor and date with this. Dated in Fort St. George this First day of August 1698.

Signed and sealed in the presence of
THO: WIGMORE Sec^ry^ :

CHECCA SERAPA.
చక్కా సర్పయ.
RAYASUM RAMAPA.
రాయసం రామప్ప చెట్టాలు.
NAYRA VERANA.
నాయర వీరన్న.
COPERTE CASH.
కొప్పరపు కాశి.
VENCATE KISNAMA.
వెంకట కృష్ణమ.

BERRA RAMANA.
బేరి రామన్న.
CORNAPA CHITTEE.
காணப்ப செட்டி.
IAPA CHITTEE.
அய்யப்பன்.
RAGGA CHITTEE
ரக்கன்.
PORPAUDE CHITTEE.
பொற்பாதம்.

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8. Dispatched a Generall Letter to Anjengo dated 5th: Instant Incloseing severall Para of the Rt: Honble: Comps: Generall to Fort St. George relateing to that Place.

4. Last night ship Elizabeth William How Mastr: sailed for Bengall and this morning Ship Mahomod.

4TH ship Eagle Manuel Antono: Pilot sailed for Bengall.

THURSDAY 4TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
NATHANIEL HIGGINSON ESQR — MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS — MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT — MR: MATTHEW EMPSON

Sergeant Samuel Sharp having served the Rt: Honble: Company above Eighteen years, now requesting to be discharged that he may returne for England, ordered that he be discharged and have liberty to returne for England on Ship Martha. And that Nicola Pereira Antonio Gracia and Joante Denes be entertained to serve as souldiers in this garrison.

Narrain, having in June 1696 given Bond for 400 ps: wth: security for his appearance, now appearing requests that his Bond may be delivered him. It is ordered that his said Bond be delivered him.

Mr: Thomas Wright Sea Customer pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: 500, on account Sea Custome. And Mr: Gulston Addison receive Ps: 258: 35 fa [. . .] on account of the Town Conicoplies Duty for nine months Ending June 1698. And to the secy Pags: 660: 7: 7 on account of the Talliars Duty for Ditto time.

Nathaniel Higginson Esqr. Mintmaster read his mint account for the months of June and July last particulars Vizt:

June. Amount Custom Coinage of Gold	...	Pags: 13: 16: 4:
Ditto. Silver ...	...	Rups 13: 9: and
July. Amount Custom Coinage of gold	...	Pags: 339: 2: =:

and paid into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: 339: fa 2: on account Custom of Gold.

THO: PITT.
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
E. TREDCROFT.
M. EMPSON.

MONDAY [8TH]

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR. — MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS — MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT — MR: MATTHEW EMPSON

Seth Ward who came out a Souldier by Shipp Charles the second for five years, delivers a Petition requesting to be discharged, and that he may have liberty to returne for England on ship Martha. The same is granted.

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Ordered, that Anthony Dewsbury be discharged from the Gunroom, and that James How be entertained to serve therein.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: one thousand be paid to M^{r}: Matt: Empson Paym^{r}: for defraying charges Garrison and that he pay Pag^{s}: 55: 25, fan^{s}: to Ramapa being for 21¼ rupee weight of Ambergrease bought of him for the Nabob.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: 1007: 18 fan^{s}: be paid to Harrasing being for one Bill drawn on us by Amirjeahn for one thousand Pag^{s}: as advised in his letter received the 6th Instant with ¾ per Cent Exchange.

Ordered that the warehousekeeper do sell Dollars at 16¼ weighty for Ten Pag^{s}: There being a present occasion for money to send to Vizagapatam and no buyers offering at the price formerly ordered of 16⅛.

Ordered that the warehousekeeper Lade on ship Martha for Bengall so many rupees which shall be ready by wensday, and five thousand Pag^{s}: to be delivered at Vizagapatam, and that he cause so many Dollars to be unladen from Ship Martha as the said rupees shall amount unto more then the ten Chest Dollars allready received ashore.

M^{r}: Edward Tredcroft Land Custom^{r}: read his acco^{t}: Land Customs for the month July last, particulars Viz^{t}.

Choultrey Custom	...	...	...	...	Ps. 326: 34: 55
Triblecane Custom	...	...	...	...	,, =: 3: 55
Rubie Brokers	...	...	...	...	,, 85: 9: 74
Cloth Brokers	...	...	...	...	,, 11: 16: =
New Town Rents	...	...	...	...	,, 24: 20: 5
					Pag^{s}: 448: 12: 29:

and pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: 440: 23 fan^{s}.

The report delivered the first Instant by M^{r}. Higginson & M^{r}: Ellis relateing to M^{r}; DuBois acco^{ts}: wth: the R^{t}: H. Comp^{a}: were now read Paragraph by Paragraph in order to a result.

THO: PITT.
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
E. TREDCROFT.

Received a Generall Letter from Fort St. David dat^{d}: 6th: Ins^{t}.
Ship Fortune Thomas Harris Master arrivd from Porto Novo.

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY [11TH]

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: THOMAS PITT ESQ^{R}: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
NATH^{L}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R} M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN
M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT M^{R}: MATTHEW EMPSON

Vincatee Kisna &c^{a}: Tobacco farmers pay into y^{e}: R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Companys Cash Pag^{s}: 250, for one month on that account Ending the 16th July 1698.

Ordered that George Eynsworth Englishman and Antonio Martin Spaniard be Entertained in the Gunroom, and that John Kennesly be discharged.

The warehousekeeper is ordered to sell all the wheat in the godown above two garse and a halfe it begining to damage with wevill.

M^{r}: Thomas Wright Sea Customer pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Companys Cash Pag^{s}: one thousand on account of Sea Custom.

M^{r}: Nathaniel Stone the present Assay Master requesting leave to returne home for England. It is agreed that he have liberty. He now promissing to instruct M^{r}: Samuel Brown so as to leave him qualified for that Employment.

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The sending two persons to Metchlepatam for provideing of Paintings and Chey goods, was now further discoursed, and it is resolved that Mr: Thomas Lovell and Samuel Wolstone proceed thither for that purpose (on terms as entred after this Consultation) and that ffive thousand Pags: stocke be sent wth: them by the first convenient Passage that offers. And that Narrain Dubasse proceed along them to assist.

General Letters to Bengall and Vizagapatam dated the 9th: Instant read and approved.

THO: PITT.
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
E: TREDCROFT.

Term's agreed on in Consultation 11th: August 1698 wth: Mr: Thomas Lovell and Mr: Samull: Wolstone proceeding for Metchlepatam Vizt:

1. That Mr: Philip Noden may be sent up to Madrasse if it shall be found he uses any means to impede their businesse.

2. That musters of the severall sorts of Goods usually provided at Metchlepatam &cs: wth: Copies of some of the former Contracts be delivered to them.

3. That they shall not exceed one Hundred Pags: (without order) for presents in one year, and to render the particular reasons to Fort St: George for expending any sums on that accot:

4. That they shall not be lyable to make good such Debts as may arise by giveing out money for providing of Goods, but to take due care that the merchants they intrust be such as are esteemed responsible.

5. That twenty Pags: ℔ annun and no more be allowed them for keeping such part of the Comps: Factory House in repair as shall be necessary for Lodgings and Godowns. But it is understood that the Company are to pay the Quitt rent.

6. That if the stocke sent thither on the Rt: Honble: Comps: account exceed not five thousand Pags: no more be allowed then five ℔ Cent and that Mr: Lovell his salary and all other allowances which he now receives from the Compa: cease from the time he leaves Fort St: George till his returne thither again, or that he shall be ordered to serve them at some other of their Honrs: factories, But that his time in respect to his standing bee allowed him.

7. That in case the merchants cannot be brought to contract for Goods at such rates as shall be approved of by the Presidt: and Councill, or that it shall appear unsafe to continue there thrô the exactions of the Governmt: or that by any other unforseen accident they shall be forced to returne without effecting anything. In such case a reasonable allowance to be made them for defraying their Expences.

8. That all Pattamars sent wth: advices relating to the Rt: Honble: Comps: affairs be paid by their Honrs:

THO: LOVELL.
SAML: WOOLSTONE.

11. Received a Generall Letter from Fort St: David datd: 9th: Instant.

12. Received a Generall Letter from Mr: Philip Noden at Metchlepatam dated the 2d: Instant adviseing that the Resolution Capt: Etherington Commr: arrived there the 27th: June and that three of the ships Company came ashore and produced a Commission from the Lord of the Admiralty dated 7th: June 1697 allowing them to trade in all parts but that the Governmt: makeing them pay Custom and forceing their goods on them at unreasonable rates, they departed from thence for Bengall the 12th: July.

13. Dispatched Generall Letter to the Commodore &cs: at Anjengo of this date.

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Last night ship Martha Cap^{t}: Thomas Reyney Commander sailed for Vizagapatam & Bengall by whom sent Generall Letters to the Chief and Councill of Vizagapatam and to the Agent and Councill of Bengall dated 9th: Instants wth: severall other papers as ℔ List of the Pacquetts. 14.

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 15

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: THOMAS PITT ESQ^{R}: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
NATHANIEL HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN
M^{R}: M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT M^{R}:
M^{R}: ELLIS and M^{R}: EMPSON *indisposed*

Ordered that the warehousekeeper do sell rupees at 335 for one Hundred Pag^{s}:

M^{r}: Francis Ellis (by his Conicoply) pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: seven thousand on account Dollars sold.

The requireing security of all English owners of ships that take Passes, having given a Generall dissatisfaction, most part chooseing rather to sell their ships or sail without Passes, then enter into such obligations as renders them answerable for the actions of the Master and ships Company, whereby the Companys revenues will be considerably lessened by losse of Custom and Tonnage. Upon due consideration whereof, and that the Comp^{s}: ordering the takeing such bonds seems to be only for the preventing giveing assistance to Interlopers, whereof there is no instance of Ships belonging to English of this place that hath given them any. It is resolved that Passes be given them as usuall without requireing Bond of the Owners. But that instead thereof the masters bond be taken till the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: answer shall be received to the Generall Letter sent by the Sidney, wherein the inconvenience of requireing security of the Owners is represented to their Hon^{rs}:

Ordered that John Court be Entertained to serve in the Gunroome and Joshua Fenwick discharged.

The Paymaster is ordered to discharge all the Peons above three hundred, there being a supply of sixty souldiers come by these ships, and the Nabob having granted his Perwanna, there seems no occassion at present for more and that he take care to turne out those that are most unfitt for service.

Resolved that the following Bales of Broad cloth ordinary &c^{a}: and as much Lead as can be sold at nine Pag^{s}: a Candy be sett to sale by publick outcry on thursday the 15th: day of September next Viz^{t}:

Broad cloth Ordinary	Bales	50
Aurora	„	12
Cloth Rashes	„	09
Perpetuanoes fine	„	05
Perpetuanoes ordinary	„	15
	Bales	91

and that notes be accordingly sett on the sea and Choultrey Gates to give notice thereof, and that the next sale will be on the 15th December.

Ordered that the Godownkeep^{r}: do not sell Broad cloth ordinary, Aurora, or Perpetuanoes out of the Godown till further order.

Ordered that none presume to sell Paddy under fifteen marcall for a Pagoda and that notes be putt on the sea and Choultrey Gates in English, Portuguez, Jentue and Mallabar give notice thereof.

[15TH]

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1698*——

Ordered that ffive thousand Pag^{s}: be paid to the Serapa &c^{a}: Joint stocke Merchants as mentioned in their contract dated the first Instant.

THO: PITT.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
E: TREDCROFT.

15 Delivered a Pass to ship Diamond and a Printed Certificate.

16 Dispatched a Generall Letter to Fort S^{t}: David of yesterdays date.

17 Last night Ship Diamond John Cockroft mast^{r}: sailed for Bengall, by whom sent a Generall Letter to the Agent &c^{a}: Incloseing copy of a clause of the Auditor Generalls Letter relateing to M^{r}: Trenchfields debt, and his answer thereunto.

Received a Generall Letter from Fort S^{t}: David dated the 15th: Instant.

Ship Sirian Merchant Christopher Dixon Mast^{r}: arrived from Battavia by whom rec^{d}: a Generall Letter from Cap^{t}: Minty Comm^{r}: of the Nassau, wth: a Generall Letter from the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company dated the first of September Cap^{t}: Minty advises that the Trumball Gally touched at Bencoolen and Battavia and sailed for China the 18th: June and that M^{r}: Gough was at Battavia wth: two ships.

THURSDAY 18TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: THOMAS PITT ESQ^{R}: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
NATHANIEL HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN
M^{R}: M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT M^{R}: MATTHEW EMPSON
M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS *indisposed*

Ordered that Domingo deCruce Portugueze bee entertained to serve the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: as a souldier.

The Merchants acquainting that they have a quantity of Moores, Longcloth and salampores that are torne, but fitt for makeing shirts.

The warehousekeeper and sorters are ordered to view the same forthwith, and if proper for that use agree the price with them, and to cause the said cloth to be made into shirts proper for Europe.

M^{r}: Lovell desires a List of the following particulars necessary to be sent with them to Metchlapatam for presents and sale Viz^{t}:

Gold chain value about	Pag^{s}:	30
Sword Blades Guilt	,,	6
Flint Hubble bubles	,,	4
Ditto rarities	,,	10
Aurora	pieces	2
Broad cloth ord^{y} red 1 p^{s}: Green 1 p^{s}:	,,	2
Perpetuanoes red fine	,,	1
Perpetuanoes ordinary red	,,	2
Small Looking Glasses about 3 p^{s} a dozen	,,	12
Ditto second sort	,,	6
Spectacles cases	,,	12
Knives	,,	12
Rosewater	Chest	1
Spirits	Cases	4
Small Empty cases	,,	2

The warehousekeeper is ordered to deliver them such of the forementioned particulars as are under his charge and the Paymaster to provide the rest.

———*FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1698*———

It is resolved that Mess^{rs}: Lovell and Wolston do proceed overland to Metchlepatam on Monday next wth: Narrain. But that the treasure &c^{a}: be sent by Boat under the charge of six Peons. [19TH]

Ordered that the Secretary pay out of the Talliars money Three Hundred Pag^{s}: to [Airingapa] Naigue, being to pay so much borrowed by him of Nathaniel Higginson Esq^{r}:

THO: PITT.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
E: TREDCROFT.
M: EMPSON.

Delivered a Pass to Ketch Endeavour Owen Channell master bound for Acheen. 20

Ship Fame Robert Betton commander arrived in this road from Fort S^{t}: David by whom received a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour & Inclose-ing Invoice and Bill of Lading. 21

Ship S^{t}: Antonio, Sujee de Lemeira master arrived in this road from Porto Novo.

Last night Ketch Endeavour Owen Channel master sailed for Acheen, by whom sent a Generall Letter to the Depty Gov^{r}; &c^{a}: at York Fort to be forwarded by the first conveyance. 22

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 22.

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: THOMAS PITT ESQ^{R}: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
NATHANIEL HIGGINSON ESQ^{R} — M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN
M^{R}: — M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT — M^{R}: MATTHEW EMPSON

Ancopa &c^{a}: Arrac farmers pay into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: 150: on that account for one month Ending the ultimo May 1698.

The Attorney Generall pays into the R^{t}: H: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: 45: being the fines laid on y^{e}: following persons by the Court of Admiralty Viz^{t}:

Adaparee	Pag^{s}: 30
Servana	5
Nalla Chittee	5
Verago	5
	Pa^{s}: 45

Ordered that M^{r}: Stephen Frewen be under the warehousekeep^{r}: in the sorting Godown, in the roome of M^{r}: Thomas Lovell.

Generall Letter from Fort St. David by ship Fame dated the 19th: Instant read.

Ordered that the Lead on ship Fame be brought ashore and that Pag^{s}: 180: be paid to Cap^{t}: Betton for one Bill of Exchange drawn by the Deputy Gov^{r}: & Councill of Fort St. David.

Ordered that Etore Andrade & Philip d'Rosairo Portuguez be entertained as souldiers to serve the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company where they have occasion.

There being a necessity for sending a ship to the West Coast, and it being doubtfull whether the Thorndón will arrive time enough for that service. It is resolved that there be Laden on board ship Fame sixty seven tons saltpetre her charterparty proportion, and that she proceed for the west Coast if the Thorndon do's not arrive before the 5th: of September and that two hundred bales Callicoes be put aboard her.

[22ND] —— *FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1698* ——

Mr: Francis Ellis warehousekeepr: (by his Conicoply) pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 8000 on account of rupees sold and Mr: Thomas Wright sea Customr: Pags: 1000 on accot: sea Custom.

Mr: Sheldons charge against Mr: Ravenhill and his answer thereunto were read, also the Bengall Generall dated the 3rd: February 169⅞ whereby they make him indebted to the Rt: Honble: Company Rups: 423. Mr: Ravenhill was now sent for and the same demanded of him, wch: he promises to pay, but desires that the salary due to him, (wch: he demands from March 1697 till now) be accepted as part.

It is resolved that salary be allowed Mr: Ravenhill no longer then till the 13th: Novr: 1697, the date of his charge, and that the accompt: do make up his account accordingly. And the Agent and Councill having in said Letter declared him a person unfitt to serve the Rt: Honble: Comps: in Bengall by reason of his slothfullnesse. It is agreed that he be discharged the Rt: Honble: Companys service, which Mr: Ravenhill was now acquainted with.

THO: PITT.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
E: TREDCROFT.
M. EMPSON.

22. Ship Fortune Thomas Harris Master saild for Bengall.

23. This Evening Messrs: Lovell and Woolston sett out for Metchlepatam, by whom sent Generall Letters to the Cheif and Council of Vizagapatam and to Mr: Philip Noden.

THURSDAY [25TH] ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
NATHANIEL HIGGINSON ESQR — MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: — MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT — MR: MATTHEW EMPSON
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS *indisposed*

Generall Letter to Fort St: David dated this day, read and approved, allso a letter to Amirjeahn.

THO: PITT.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
E: TREDCROFT.
M. EMPSON.

Mynheers Singelant and Selover the Dutch Chief and Second of Policatt came to Town this morning, being ordered hither by the Governour and Councill of Negapatam to compliment the President upon his comeing to ye: Governmt: from whom they brought a Letter congratulating his safe arrivall.

Received a Generall Lre from the Chief &ca: at Vizagaptm: dated the first Instant wth: copy of their Diary and Consultations from the 24 May 1698 to the last July ditto.

Dispatched a Generall Letter to Fort St: David of this date.

26. Received a Generall Letter from Fort St: David (by Mr: Games) dated the 23rd: Instant, allso a Generall Lre from Governour Pitt and Councill of Negapatam dated the [*lacuna in the original.*]

This Evening Mynheers Singelant & Selover return'd to Pollicat, having been treated with civility and respect suitable to the Characters of the persons they were sent by.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1698*—— [25TH]

The Governour being informed, that Delol Cawn a Patan, who has been sometime at Triblecane and pretended to be rob'd of some Jewells for which he demanded satisfaction, but received none, was returning to the Camp, & threatened the Inhabitants to take satisfaction of them. Hee thereupon ordered twelve souldiers & twenty Peons to Triblecane to prevent his offering any abuse to the Inhabitants. 27.

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY [29TH]

Present

THE HONBLE: THOMAS PITT ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
NATHANIEL HIGGINSON ESQR MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT MR: MATTHEW EMPSON
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS *indisposed*

Mr: Thomas Wright Sea Customer read his account of Sea Customs for the month of July last particulars vizt.

To Custom on Goods Imported and Exported this month	Pa:	568:	17: 4
To Custom on Grain	„	63:	9: 1
To Anchorage	„	51:	=: =
	Pags:	682:	26: 5

Ordered that one thousand Pags: wth: ¾ pct: Exchange be paid to Suncha Rama being for one Bill drawn on us by Amirjeahn as advised in his Lettter recd: the [*lacuna in the original*]

The Governour acquaints that on friday the 26th: Instant Nina Chittee an Inhabitant of this place, complained that five pieces of Broad cloth and severall other Goods design'd to be sent to Coverepeck were stop'd at Ipere Muta after the usual Juncan was paid (for wch: he produced the Chief Officers receipt) and by the Juncannr: Dawsay [. . .] sold to Horsemen belonging to the Nabob, whereupon he ordered Capt: Seaton in the Evening wth: twelve souldiers to bring the Juncannrs: into Town, wch: he accordingly did and the Juncannrs: being asked the reason for detaining Merchants Goods after they had paid the Kings Custom. Confessed that he had disposed of them but would [make] the Merchts: satisfaction and on the 27th: Instant Dawsapa offering security for payment of the money the same was taken and he sett at liberty, which is approved.

Ordered that one thousand Pags: be paid to Mr: Matthew Empson Paymr: for defraying charges Garrison.

Ordered that Ambrose de Rosairo Portuguez be entertained to serve the Rt: Honble: Company as a souldier at the West Coast.

Mr: Matthew Empson Paymaster read his accot: Disbursements for the months of June & July last particulars Vizt.

June—Charges Garrison	Pa:	882:	30
Charges Diett	„	270:	28
Charges Merchandize	„	13:	9
Charges Cattle	„	25:	8
Charges Generall	„	465:	8
Ship Dolphin	„	18:	24
West Coast	„	25:	13
Garrison Stores	„	79:	8
Account Presents	„	90:	6
Charges Extraordinary	„	18:	7
Vizagapatam	„	=:	18
Fortifications & repairs	„	145:	5
	Pagt:	2034:	20

[20TH] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1698*——

July—	Charges Garrison	...	...	...	...	Pa:	1006:	24
	Vizagapatam	...	...	...	...	„	...:	18
	Charges Diett	...	...	...	...	„	369:	=
	Charges Merchandize	...	...	...	...	„	17:	21
	Charges Extraordinary	...	...	...	...	„	7:	16
	Charges Generall	...	...	...	...	„	511:	54
	Factors Provisions	...	...	...	...	„	34:	7
	House moveables	...	...	...	...	„	75:	8
	Account Presents	...	...	...	...	„	300:	=
	Charges Cattle	...	...	...	...	„	10:	11
	West Coast	...	...	...	...	„	5:	=
	Fort St. David	...	...	...	...	„	216:	4
	Fortifications & repairs		...	...	...	„	140:	13
						Pagods:	2694:	12

The souldiers who came out of England on the Nassau for York Fort, but she not touching there were sent hither from Battavia on Brigantine Johanna and Ship Siryan Merchant now requesting by their Petition, to have pay allowed from the time of their arrivall at Battavia. It is resolved, that one month and a halfes pay be allowed each of them to the last of this month to provide them wth: cloths of which they are now quite destitute and that there be one month and a halfes pay more advanced to such of them as shall be sent to the West Coast.

Ordered that the Paymaster do muster ship Fames men sometime this week.

Ordered that one hundred and ten Pags: be paid to Mr: ffenwicke for a chest of medicines bought of him for the use of the Hospitall.

The Lieutenants of the Garrison acquainting the Lodge for the souldiers is too small for them all to sleep in, and whereas there is a standing order that no unmarried Souldier shall ly without the Garrison. It is resolved that there be an addition made thereunto between the present Lodge and the River, there being space of about 14 foot broad and 50 Long.

THO: PITT.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
E: TREDCROFT.
M: EMPSON.

29 Ship Thorndon Capt: William Petre Commander arrived this Evening from England.

TUESDAY 30TH ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
NATHANIEL HIGGINSON ESQR — MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: — MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT — MR: MATTHEW EMPSON
MR: THOMAS ELLIS *indisposed*

Ordered that the warehousekeepr: sell Dollars at the rate of sixteen & halfe weighty Dollars for Ten Pags.

The Purser of the Thorndon comeing ashore this morning brought the Pacquett wth: him, wch: being opened was found to contain only Copies of the Pacquetts received by Ships Martha and Fame, except Invoice Bill of Lading Shipps Charterparty and one Generall Letter dated the nineth of February last, relateing to the buying of Pepper and a Bond for £200 given to the Capt: Heath by the Company.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1698*—— [30TH]

Ordered that all the treasure &c^{a}: Goods be unladen from ship Thorndon except the Lead.

THO: PITT.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
E: TREDCROFT.
M: EMPSON.

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY [4 MO.]

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: THOMAS PITT ESQ^{R} PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
NATHANIEL HIGGINSON ESQ^{R} M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN
M^{R} M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT M^{R}: MATTHEW EMPSON

Captain Petre acquainting the Governour that he had received information from his Chief Mate of a mutiny among his men, in which the Boatswain was concerned, and that he was goeing off, and desired that three or four files of souldiers may be sent of to his assistance.

Resolved that Cap^{t}: Seaton wth: four files of trusty souldiers be sent on board Ship Thorndon to assist the Cap^{tn}: as there shall be occasion.

M^{r}: James Sowdon delivers a paper containing the state of his account wth: the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: and his request that the same be examined w^{ch}: are referred to further oppertunity.

fa. ca.

Ordered that the Attorney Generall do attach Pag^{s}: 48: 7: 7 of the Estate of William Hall dec^{d}: in the hands of M^{r}: John Styleman, said Hall being so much indebted to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company in Vizagapatam Generall Books G wherein he is Debted Pag^{s}: 84: 18: but has creditt for Pag^{s}: 36: 10: 2 in Books O.

THO: PITT.
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
E: TREDCROFT.

Dispatched a Generall Letter to the Governour and Councill of Tringombar. 1 mo.
Received a Generall Letter from Fort S^{t}: David dated the 31st: past. 2.
Dispatched a Generall Letter dated the 2^{d}: Instant to the Governour &c^{a}: at Fort S^{t}: David. Allso a Letter dated the 31st: past to the Governour and Councill of Negapatam. 3.
Ship Loyall Captain Locker Watts Master sailed for Pegue. 4.
Received a Generall Letter from Fort S^{t}: David dated the 2^{d}: Instant.

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 5TH

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: THOMAS PITT ESQ^{R}: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
NATH^{L}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN
M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT M^{R}:

All the Councill being duely summoned
The warehousekeepers assistant acquainting that some of the Broad cloth by the Thorndon ly damaged. It is resolved that all the cloth by said ship be

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received by the warehousekeeper, he calling to his assistance Mr: Penford and Mr: Mead and that in persuance of the 39 Paragraph of the Comps: Generall Letter dated the 20th: January 169⅞ such pieces as are damaged be delivered to ye: Commandr: at the Invoice price, he paying ready money for the same, which Capt: Petre being now acquainted with accepts of.

Ordered that ffive thousand Pags: be paid to Serapa &cs: Joint stocke Merchants, being due the first Inst: by their Contract dated the primo August 1698.

Ordered that one hundred Pags: be paid to Ragina &cs: washermen on account of cureing the Rt: Honble: Comps: cloth.

Generall Letters from Fort St: David dated the 31st: past and second Instant read.

The Mintmaster produceth three Ingotts of Silver Vizt: No. 466 received by Ship Fame & No. 179 and 193 by Ship Martha which the Minters having objected against as much worse then Invoice, and the assaymaster having assayed the same, report there as follows, vizt.

					oz.	dwt.
No. 466	pz. lb 33:	0: 10	B. 16½	by Assay worse ...	1:	4
No. 179	9 :	2: 15	B. 16	Better ...	0:	10
No. 193	18:	2: 15	B. 15½	Better ...	0:	10

One ounce of each being in our presence taken off and sealed up by the Secretary in three distinct Papers.

It is ordered that the said three sealed Papers be sent to the Rt: Honble: Company by ye: next ship, and that the said Ingotts be delivered to the Minters to coin according to the Assaymasters report.

Capt: Robert Betton Commander of Ship Fame having sent us a paper (as entred after this Consultation) requesting that eighty Ton saltpetre more then mentioned in his Charterparty be Laden on his ship to make her sailworthy. The warehousekeeper is ordered to cause eighty Ton saltpetre more to be Laden on board Ship Fame.

Ship Thorndon having in her Passage out in a storme, lost and sprung all her masts, and not known what damage she may have suffered in her Hull. It is resolved that there be a survey made of her Hull, Masts, Yards and Rigging by the following persons Vizt: Capt: Robert Betton, Capt: Conaway chiefmate Capt: Charles Metcalfe of Ship ffame and her Capt: Armiger Gostling Chief Carpenter Capt: James Perryman, Robert Atkinson Gunr: of the Fort.

Mr: Edward Tredcroft requesting leave to take his Passage upon Ship Fame for England, if she proceeds directly from hence. It is resolved, that he have Liberty.

THO: PITT.
NATH: HIGGINSON.
THO: STYLEMAN.
BFRANCIS ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
E: TREDCROFT.

To YE: HONBLE: THO: PITT ESQE:
PRESIDt: FOR AFFAIRS OF THE Rt: HONBLE:
EAST INDIA COMPA: AND GOVERNOUR OF FORT
St: GEORGE AND FORT St: DAVIDS &CA: COUNCILL.

Whereas I find that my charter party quantity [of . . .] is not sufficient to make ye: ship Fame Sailworthy, [. . .] yor: Honr: &cs: Councill is that you would please to order [. . .] Saltpetre over & above the charter party quantity, which will oblige.

Yor: Honrs: most faithfull humble Servt
ROBERT BETTON.

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Received a Generall Letter from Vizagapatam dat^{d}: the 16 August wth: copy of their Diary and Consultations from the first of August to the 16 ditto &c^{a}: papers as ℔ List. 5.

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 8

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: THOMAS PITT ESQ^{R}: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
NATH^{L}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN
M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT M^{R}: MATTHEW EMPSON

Simon Kilpatrick and Francis Monk farmers of wine License pay into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}; Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{a}: 50 on that acco^{t}: for three months ending the 25th: Instant. M^{r}: Francis Ellis warehousekeeper pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: seven thousand on account Dollars and rupees sold.

The persons appointed by Consultation of 5th: Instant to survey ship Thorndon, reports condition as Entred after this Consultation whereby it appears that the ships Hull is in a good condition and that all her masts & rigging are sufficient for her Voyage except her foremasts w^{ch}: the Cap^{t}: has resolved to take out, and may be fitted in ten days time.

It is resolved that ship Thorndon do proceed for the west Coast, and that there be Laden on her Eighty Ton Salt-petre and thirty Ton of redwood, being what mentioned in her Charter party for Kintillage.

The President read his account of the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash for the month of August last the balance being Pag^{s}: 4872 : 24 : 3 and Thomas Wigmore secretary his account Passes for ditto month amount Pag^{s}: 17 and pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: 14 : 24 fan^{s}: the balance.

Ordered that one thousand Pag^{s}: be paid to M^{r}: Matthew Empson Paymast^{r}: for defraying charges Garrison.

Resolved that ship Fame be dispatched from hence directly for England by the latter end of this month with the following goods, besides the salt Petre and redwood allready ordered Viz^{t}:

Fort S^{t}: David	Bales	166
Madrasse	„	307
Cotton Yarne of Bengall	„	50
Tonqueen Pelongs	Chest	4
Canes		10050

The rest of the Lading to be made up of what bales shall be Embaled before that time and Pepper.

Ordered that M^{r}: John Meverell be Provissionall Land Customer, Justice of the Choultrey and sorter in the roome of M^{r}: Tredcroft, and M^{r}: Stephen Frewen searcher at the sea Gate in the roome of M^{r}: Meverell and M^{r}: Henry Dobyns assistant to the godownkeeper in the roome of M^{r}: Frewen.

M^{r}: Thomas Wright sea Customer pays into Y^{e}: R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: 1,000 on acco^{t}: sea Custom.

Randall Fisher a souldier having served the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company ten years, now request leave to returne for England on ship Fame. The same is granted.

Ordered that John Sherborn be entertained to serve in the Gunroom.

The Governour acquaints that he lent three Garse of Paddy for seed to the Inhabitants of Yegmore &c^{a}: Towns, which they are to repay out of the next Crop which is approved.

THO: PITT.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
E. TREDCROFT.

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To the Hon^BLE Thomas Pitt Esq^R:
President & Gov^R: of Madrasse &c^A Council.

In compliance with an order recived from your Hon^r: &c^a: wee the subscribers have heen aboard the Thorndon and find her Hull in very good condition and her masts and rigging sufficient for her voyage except the foremast which is fish'd all round, so that cannot see the defect, but the Cap^t: has resolved to take it out and put in a new one, or mend them so that it shall be capable of serving again any voyage you shall thinke fitt to imploy her in.

Charles Metcalfe.
Armiger Gostlin.
James Perriman.
John Conaway.
Robert Atkinson.
Job Reynolds.

Aboard the Thorndon
September the 7^th: 1698.

9 Received a Generall Letter from Fort S^t: David dated the 6^th: & 7^th: Instants.

Dispatched a Generall Letter to Fort S^t: David dated this day.

Ship S^t: Antonio Sujee de Lemeira master sailed for Acheen and Queda and ship Pegu Merch^t: Thomas Edwards Pilot for Pegu.

Received advice this evening from Amirjeahn his being arrived at Yegmore w^th: y^e: Nabobs Perwanna.

10 Att four a clocke this afternoone the President and Councill went to the Garden accompanied severall of the R^t: Hon^ble: Comp^s: servants & Inhabitants English Armenians and Jentues, where upon the receipt of the Nabobs Phirwanna Seerpaw and Horse and the Perwanna from the Duan, were fired 15 and 11 Guns.

Monday 12TH Att a Consultation

Present

The Hon^BLE: Thomas Pitt Esq^R: Presid^T: & Gov^R:
Nathaniel Higginson Esq^R: M^R: John Stylman
M^R: Francis Ellis M^R: Thomas Wright
M^R: Edward Tredcroft M^R: Matthew Empson

The Nabob having sent a Perwanna to Hojee Mahom^d: Allee for demanding the twelve Hundred Pag^s: due for the town rent for one year ending June 1698. It is ordered to be paid Hojee Mahomod Allee and his rec^t: to be taken for the same, and that the usual present be given to him and his servants.

The Paymaster reports the muster of shipp Fames men to be 84 and ship Thorndons men 114 w^ch: Lists are ordered to be sent to the R^t: Hon^ble: Company.

The sea Customer acquainting that there are two halfe pieces of Broad cloth brought ashore by William Minson belonging to ship Fame, which are kept at the Custom House. Hee is ordered to cleare the same.

M^r: Richard Watts pays into the R^t: Hon^ble: Comp^s: Cash Pag^s: 193: 33: 4 fa. ca. as the balance of his acco^t: in the Bengall, Fort S^t: David and Tonqueen Books and M^r: John foquett Pag^s: 155: 1: 5 fa. ca. as y^e: balance of his account in the Vizagapatam Books, transfer'd to us.

Nathaniel Higginson Esq^r: Mintmaster pays into the R^t: Hon^ble: Comp^s: Cash Pag^s: 71: 21: 4 on acco^t: Custom of Gold coined in the Mint.

Generall Letters from Fort S^t: David dated the 6^th: 7^th: & 10^th: Instants read.

The Governour sent for M^r: Fraser & acquainted him that he thought fitt to reinstate him in yo^r: Councill according to the place appointed him by the Commission for reasons he should acquaint the R^t: Hon^ble: Company w^th: by the next shipping.

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The Paymaster is ordered to Pay Pag^{s}: 7: [fa. . . .] to the owners of the Johanna Briganteen for the Diett and Passage of four souldiers brought from Battavia.

THO: PITT.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
E: TREDCROFT.
M: EMPSON.

A Generall Letter to Fort S^{t}: David dated this day being sent to M^{r}: Higginson to sign, he return'd unsign'd with the following note to the Sec^{ry}: 13.

M^{r}: Sec^{ry}: I can't signe Letters nor act in any businesse with M^{r}: Fraser for the same reasons I declared in Councill I could not sitt with him.

Yor^{s}:
N.H.

Ship Thankfull Charles Perin Master arrived from Bengall by whom received Generall Letters from the Agent &c^{a}: dated the 10th: & 20 July and 5th of August 1698. And from the Deputy Governour and Councill of York Fort dated 21 May and 11th: June last wth: severall other papers as p^{r} List.

Dispatched a Generall Letter to Fort S^{t}: David dated 13 instant. [14TH]

Delivered a Passe to ship Salamaut Surat Syed Mahom'd Jaffeer Nocqueda bound for Queda and Malacca.

Ship Nocqueda Savoy Thomas Plumb Pilot sailed out of this road into S^{t}: Thoma.

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY [15TH]

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: THOMAS PITT ESQ^{R}: PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR
M^{R}: WILLIAM FRASER M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS
M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT
M^{R}: MATTHEW EMPSON.

M^{r}: Edward Tredcroft Land Customer read his account Land Custom for the month of August last particulars Viz^{t}:

Choultrey Custom	Pag	368:	14: 40
Triblecane Custom	,,	...:	4: 56
Rubie Broakers	,,	69:	3: 27
Cloth Broakers	,,	20:	20: 40
New Town rents	,,	19:	32: 10
	Pag^{s}: ...	478:	8: 13

and pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: Cash Pag^{s}: 476: 28: as the balance thereof and Pag^{s}: 7: 3: 79 on account of y^{e}: Town Conicoplies Duty for the months of June, July and August. and Pag^{s}: 43: 33: 79 to the Secretary on acco^{t}: of the Talliars duty for ditto months.

M^{r}: Styleman delivers a paper (as entred after this Consultation) wherein he desires to be excused from sitting in Councill with M^{r}: Fraser. Hee allso now delivers his Judge Advocates Comission. But upon the Governour and Councills urgeing to M^{r}: Styleman the present hurry of businesse in dispatching the ships, and their incapacity to make a present provision for both those employments, he did consent to receive his Commission again and to act as Judge and accomptant till the Ships were dispatched.

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According to order of Consultation of 15th: last month, there were severall bales broad cloth ordinary &c^{a}: put up to sale by outcry this morning and about 162 pieces of all sorts sold.

It is ordered that the sale be continued till the whole quantity mentioned in that Consultation be sold, or so much thereof as will sell.

M^{r}: Matthew Empson Paymaster pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: Cash Pag^{s}: 1,186: 32: 15 on y^{e} following accounts Viz^{t}:

	Pa.	fa	ca.
For the net produce on ship Dolphins sale	444:	8:	75
For acco^{t}: of the Heirs of Batson Pearson deceased being what received of his estate	610:	21:	[...]
For account of M^{r}: Stephen Cooke	132:	2:	...
Pag^{s}: ...	1,186:	32:	[...]

It is ordered that Bills be given M^{r}: Empson drawn on the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company for Pag^{s}: 610: 21: 20 payable to M^{rs}: Elizabeth Pearson and for Pag^{s}: 132: 2 fan^{s}: payable to M^{r}: Stephen Cook Merchant.

Generall letters from the Agent &c^{a}: of Bengall dated the 10th: & 20th: July and 5th: of August last, and from the Deputy Governour &c^{a}: of York Fort dated the 21st: May & 11th: June last received viâ Bengall read.

M^{r}: Fraser delivers a Paper relateing to the late Governour Higginson's letting out of the Tobacco farme in the year 169$\frac{3}{4}$. Copy whereof attested, the Secretary is ordered to send M^{r}: Higginson, and to enter copy of said paper after this Consultation.

THO: PITT.
WILL: FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
E: TREDCROFT.
M: EMPSON.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: THOMAS PITT ESQ^{R}:
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR OF
FORT S^{T}: GEORGE &C^{A}: COUNCILL.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

The Hon^{ble}: President last Councill day acquainting that he had perused all the papers relating to the controversies between the late Gov^{r}: & Councill and M^{r}: Fraser, and that he thought fitt by virtue of the power given him in his Commission to restore M^{r}: Fraser to the station appointed him therein, w^{ch}: I did readily submit unto, But considering the many affronts and abusses M^{r}: Fraser has continued for a long time to put on me, I cannot wth: any manner of satisfaction or safety continue to sitt & act in that Councill whereof he is a member. Therefore I most humbly request yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: that I may be excused my attending the Councill dureing his being a member thereof I assure yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: I allways had and hope allways shall have a very great esteem for y^{e}: R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: service and to demonstrate to your Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: my readinesse to serve them I shall be very willing to serve them in any imployment during my stay in India that you^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: shall thinke me capable of, provided I may be excused my attendance at Councill during M^{r}: Frasers continuance there w^{ch}: have abundance of reason to believe will not be long, unless he can be so happy as to alter his natural temper. I humbly Submitt to yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: pleasure and crave leave to subscribe.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
You^{r}: most hum^{ble}: ser^{t}:
JOHN STYLEMAN.

Fort S^{t}: George 15th: Sept^{r}: 1698.

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To the Hon^ble : the Governour of

Fort St. George &c^a : Council

Att the desire of the late Governour Higginson made to your Hon^r : last Consultation day, that I should set down in writeing what I then said relateing to the Tobacco farm which is briefly thus viz^t :

On Thursday the 22^nd : day of March 169¾ between the hours of 7 and 8 at night, the late Governour M^r : Dolben and myselfe, went up to the Guard Chamber the Governour telling us that the farming out of the Tobacco and Ganjee for the insueing year, was to be put to an outcry (I do not mean by inch of Candle as is the Custome in London) & he that bid most to be the buyer, the bidders & Competit^rs : were Datha Rama ℔ Contra Jango, Jango advanced to Pag^s : 2000 at which Datha Rama left off and bid no more, thus it stood when the then Presid^t : asked Jango if he would give fifty Pag^s : more, he answered if your Hon^r : will have me give 50 Pag^s : more I will, which he did then y^e : Presid^t : bid 50 Pag^s : more, then Jango bid Pag^s : 50 more, w^ch : The President advanced Pag^s : 50 more, which brought it up to Pag^s : 2200, and then asked Jango if he would bid any more to which he answered no, having allready outbid his Competitor Datha Rama, but if he said Rama would yet bid, he would bid also then the Govern^r : said it is mine and desired his servant Kisna then present, to call Vincatee puttee upstair's saying he bought it for him, and asked him by Kisna if he would accept of the farme at Pag^s : 2200. He said he would, but so soone as he appeared in the Chamber (which I should have said before) Jango bid 50 Pag^s : more, the President said no he was too late, Jango answered and said Vincateeputtee ought to have been present at the time of bidding.

M^r : Dolben and myselfe modestly discoursed the point with the President, who asked M^r : Dolben if hee were not as free to bid and buy the farme as anybody else, M^r : Dolben is now here upon the Place and knows as well as I what answer he then gave the President.

On the Monday following being the 26^th : day, Jango sent in a Petition directed to y^e : President and Councill then in Consultation and therein advanced Pag^s : 600 more than the former sume, but all to no purpose M^r : Dolben and myselfe did not agree w^th : the President in the manner and method he took in that affair, so that it was about the middle of April following before the President could be prevailed upon, and the Secretary in Consultation altered the sume from Pag^s : 2200 w^ch : was in figures in the fair Consultation to Pag^s : 2800 and was given and continued to Vincateputtee and then that Consultation was signed by us all.

I remember not that either the Secretary or Narrain the Comp^s : then Chief Dubash were w^th : us in Consultation on the said 22^d : March, M^r : Dolben may remember severall passages of that affair, too much to be incerted here, w^ch : time gave as I appprehend date to the late Govern^rs : displeasure and prejudice against me. I forbear to adde any more till this is debated.

Fort S^t : George the 15^th : September 1698. William Fraser.

Ship Scaupherden John Bowrsee Schipper arrived in this road from Negapatam, and brought 86 Chest of Ophium belonging to the Owners of ship Sirian Merchant seized in [*Lacuna in the original.*] 1697 by y^e : Dutch on y^e : Coast of Java. But by order of y^e : Government of Battavia sent hither, as advised by the Hon^ble : Laurence Pitt and Dirk Comans in their Letter to the Presid^t : by said ship. 15TH

Received a Generall Letter from Fort S^t : David dated the 14^th : Instant. 16TH

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MONDAY 19TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON.

Ordered that Domingo Rodriguez, Deoga de Ga, Francis de Bageneza & Tome de monte Portuguez be entertained as souldiers for the West Coast, and Henry Barret Englishman to serve in the Gunroome.

Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated the 14th: Instant read. It is ordered that 14 Pags: and 70 great fanams received from Fort St: David with said Genll: Letter be delivered to the Assaymaster to make his report thereof, and that they have credit for the same amount Pags: 17·32 fanams.

Ordered that Pags: one thousand be paid to Mr: Matt: Empson Paymr: for defraying charges Garrison.

The warehousekeeper is ordered to sell Ingott silver at the rate of 16⅝ Doller weight standerd for ten Pags: and Dollars at 16⅝ not to exceed 16¾ for ten Pags:

Ordered that the warehousekeeper put a note upon the sea gate to give notice that Ship Thorndon will depart from this Place for York Fort by the tenth day of next month and that all persons are free to Lade Goods on said ship at the usual ffreight.

It is resolved, that such English or Portuguez Souldiers or others as are willing to goe to York Fort have liberty to carry their families with them and that the Portuguez allso have the liberty of carrying a Padry with them, of which notice is to be given by setting a paper on the sea Gate.

Ordered that ffive thousand Pags: be paid to Serapa &c: Joint Stocke Merchants being so much due to them on the 15th Instant by their contract dated the ℔ m°: August 1698.

THO: PITT.
WILL: FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

Received a Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated the 17th: Instant.

19 Ship Scaupherden sailed for Negapatam.

21 Received a Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated the 19th: Instant and from Messrs: Lovell and Woolston from Metchlepatam dated the 7th: Instant.

22 Received a Generall Letter from the Chief and Councill of Vizagapatam dated [*Lacuna in the original*] and from the Deputy: Governr: and Councill of Fort St: David dated [*Lacuna in the original*] wth: severall other papers as ℔ List of the Pacquets.

THURSDAY Do.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON.

Ramapa pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pa: 182: 18: 4, received of Elihu Yale Esqr: being for so much paid by Amirjohn to Emaun Cooley for his account for two Guzaratt oxen, mentioned in Consultation 23rd May last.

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Resolved that Emaun Cooley who came from the Nabobs Camp with the Perwanna and Tasherief, and now goeing to the Kings Camp, be presented w^th^: one piece of fine scarlett, three pieces of ordinary cloth and some flintware and that one hundred bottles of Canary be sent to the Nabob.

Ordered that M^r^: Wright and M^r^: Mead, do goe and view a Godown belonging to M^r^: Nicks (w^ch^: is sealed up by order of Court) and make their report to y^e^ Councill next Consultation day, of the condition of the Goods therein.

Ordered that the Gunner do to-morrow morning goe aboard ship Fame, to view the Hold and give his opinion what he thinks she can take in more.

Upon consideration of the Thorndons goeing to the West Coast, and being a large ship to fill w^th^: Pepper, It is ordered that two Chest Dollers be sent besides the five chests ordered by the R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^:.

THO: PITT.
WILL: FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

Received Generall Letters from the President & Councill dated the 16^th^: and 21^st^: July 1698. 23

Dispatch'd Generall Letters to the Deputy Governour and Councill of Fort S^t^: David and to the Chief and Councill of Vizagapatam both dated the 20^th^: Instant. Allso a letter from the President to the Hon^ble^: Laurence Pitt and Direck Comans of yesterdays date.

Ship Thankfull Charles Perin master sailed for Bengall, by whome sent a Generall Letter to y^e^ Agent and Councill dated the 22^nd^ & 23^rd^: Instants ship Wellfare Andrew Goodman master arrived in this road from Bengall. 25

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 26TH.

Present

THE HON^BLE^: THOMAS PITT ESQ^R^: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M^R^: WILLIAM FRASER M^R^: FRANCIS ELLIS
M^R^: THOMAS WRIGHT M^R^: EDWARD TREDCROFT
M^R^: MATTHEW EMPSON.

M^r^: Thomas Wright Sea Customer read his acco^t^: sea customs for the month of August last particulars Viz^t^.

	Pa^s^:
To Custom on goods Imported and Exported this month ...	3077: 33: 1
To Custom on Grain	164: 7: 4
Anchorage	65: 18:
Tonnage	33: 12:
Pag^s^:	3340: 34: 5

Ordered that one hundred Pag^s^: besides 100 Pag^s^: ordered on the 5^th^: Instant be paid to Raggina &c^a^: Washers for curing the R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^s^: Cloth.

M^r^: Wright and M^r^: Mead acquaint that they have viewed the Godown in M^r^: Nicks house, as ordered last Consultation, and found therein only 9 Canasters wherein sugar had been, and 10 Bags: of Allum so mixed with dirt that 'tis worth little or nothing. It is ordered that the godown be not sealed up.

Ordered that five thousand Pag^s^: be sent to ffort S^t^: David in charge of five Peons and Lieuten^t^: Davis, who is ordered to Fort St. David to be second Lieut there, and takes his passage on a Boat.

M^r^: Francis Ellis warehousekeep^r^: pay^s^: into ye R^t^: Hon^ble^: Companys Cash Pag^s^: three thousand on account Dollars sold.

[26TH] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, SEPTEMBER 1698*——

Nathaniel Higginson Esq^{r}: Mint Master read his mint acco^{ts}: for the months of August and September Viz^{t}.

August Acco^{t}: Custom of Gold coined in the Mint Pa^{s} 71: 21: 4:

Septemb^{r}: Acco^{t}: Custom of Gold coined in the Mint 129: 13: 4:

Septemb^{r}: Acco^{t}: Custom of silver coined in the Mint Rupees 1,324: ans. 14: and pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: 129: 19: [. . .] as the balance on account Custom coinage Gold and to the warehousekeep^{r}: rupees 1,325 [. . .] the balance of the account Custom of silver and the minters now appearing do acknowledge to have in their hands the balance mentioned in the account for September being Rup^{s}: 66,683: [. . . . .].

Ordered that the remaining 50 bales of Bengall Cotton yarne be Laden on board ship Fame.

Generall Letter to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company dated this day to be sent by ship Fame to Paragraph 43 read.

Samuel Hooky, a seaman belonging to Ship Thorndon, having been long ill of a fistula in Ano, requests to be discharged that he may stay ashore for cure. It is agreed that he be discharged his Commander having declared his consent thereunto.

THO: PITT.
WILL: FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

27. Ship Salamut Cap^{t}: John Wright Master sailed for Cochin and Boat Chelangie for Fort S^{t}: David, on w^{ch}: Lieutenant James Davis took his passage and five peons with five thousand Pagod^{s}.

28. Received a Generall Letter from Mess^{rs}: Lovell and Woolston from Metchlepatam dated the 15th: September 1698, wth: copy of their Diary to the [*lacuna in the original*] ditto and copy of their contract wth: Quola Narso &c^{a}: wth: severall other Papers as ℔ List.

29. Received a Generall Letter from Fort S^{t}: David, dated the 27th: Instant.

This being the day appointed for Electing a Mayor for the ensueing year, M^{r}: Daniel Chardin was chosen.

Dispatched a Generall Letter of this date to ffort S^{t}: David.

SATURDAY OCTOBER ℔mo

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: THOMAS PITT ESQ^{R}: PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR
M^{R}: WILLIAM FRASER — M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS
M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT — M^{R} MATTHEW EMPSON

M^{r}: Francis Ellis on the 30th: past paid into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Companys Cash Pag^{s}: nine Hundred on account Dollars sold.

Ordered that halfe a year's salary due to M^{r}: Zouch Troughton ending the 29th: past being Pag^{s}: 22: 8 fanams be paid him. and it appearing by a certificate received from Fort S^{t}: David y^{t}: he is no ways indebted to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company there and by a report signed by our accomp^{t}: that neither he nor M^{r}: Cheney are indebted to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company in our Books. It is resolved that a certificate be accordingly given him.

The President read his acco^{t}: of the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash for the month of September last the balance being Pag^{s}: 750: 27: 5.

Generall Letter to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company from Paragraphs 43 to 52 read.

Ship Fame having this day fired a gun to give notice of her being full Laden.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, OCTOBER 1698*—— [9th mo.]

It is resolved that the President and Councill meet at Eight a clocke on Monday morning to sign the Generall Letter to the Rt: Honble: Company and the Capts: Dispatch.

There ariseing some words this afternoon between Lieutenant Sinclare and Lieutenant Seaton which at last came to blows. Lieut: [Sinclare] came now and acquainted the Governour and Councill that Lieutenant Seaton called him coward, and struck him, Lieut: Seaton being sent for and the reason of their difference demanded answers, that there did passe some foolish language between them, but disowns that he did strike Lieutenant Sinclare. Mr: Stone and Mr: Matthews who were present being allso sent for were enquired of whether they knew the occasion of their difference, but both declared that they onely heard some words passe between them at the Sea Gate, and that afterwards near the inner Fort Gate they saw some blows passe, but know not which struck first.

It is considered that Lieutenant Seatons striking Lieutenant Sinclare on his Guard is a very heinous crime, an ill president and of dangerous consequence, and therefore ought to be taken notice of in a particular manner.

Resolved that Lieutenant Seaton be dismissed the Rt: Honble: Companys: service & that Ensigne Gibbon do act as Lieutenant of the Eldest Company which resolve Capt: Seaton was acquainted with. And Captain Sinclare reprimanded for giveing ill language.

THO: PITT.
WILL: FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

Received a Generall from Fort St: David dated 29th: past wth: their Pacquet to the Rt: Honble: Company. 2

Ship Sedgewicke Capt: George Weoley Master arrived from Bengall.

ATT A CONSULTATION — MONDAY 3RD

Present

THE HONBLE: THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR
MR: WILLIAM FRASER — MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT. — MR: MATTHEW EMPSON.

Generall Letter to the Rt: Honble: Company to be sent by Ship Fame., dated the 26th: and 30th: past and the Captains Dispatch signed.

THO: PITT.
WILL: FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

This afternoone the Secretary went off on board Ship Fame, and delivered Capt: Betton his dispatch and the Pacquets for the Rt: Honble: Company. 8 4

Ship Fame sett saile for England.

ATT A CONSULTATION — WEDNESDAY 5TH

Present

THE HONBLE: THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR
MR: WILLIAM FRASER — MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT — MR: MATTHEW EMPSON

The President pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 364, received for permission of the following persons passages on Ship ffame for England.

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Mr Edward Tredcroft	...Pa : 26	Capt : Zouch Troughton	...Pa : 26
Capt William Harrison	... „ 26	Mrs : Eliz. Styleman ...	... „ 26
Capt : Anthony Penystone	... „ 26	Mrs : Rebecca Troughton	... „ 26
Mrs Elizabeth Penystone	... „ 26	Diana Gostling ...	... „ 26
Heron Hart	... „ 26	Mary Penystone ...	... „ 26
Thomas Penystone ...	... „ 26	Elizabeth Penystone ...	... „ 26
Sarah Metcalfe	... „ 26	Maria Madrasse ...	... „ 26

The Secretary is ordered to pay Five Hundred Pags : to Airingapa Naigue out of the Talliars money for the maintenance of his Peons.

Ordered that two hundred Pags : be paid to Raggina &c : washers for curing the Rt : Honble : Comps : Cloth.

Ordered that Pags : 176 : 17 : fans : be paid Mr : John Styleman being for one Bill dated the 11th : June 1698, for three hundred Dollars, drawn by the Deputy Governour and Councill of York Fort as advised in their Generall Letter, dated the 11th June 1698.

Generall Letter from Messrs Lovell & Woolstone dated the 15th September with their Diary and Contract with Quola Narso read, wherein it is observed that they have agreed for Goods to the amount of Pags : 10668 : halfe whereof is conditionall and referred to our approbacon.

It is resolved that the whole contract be accepted, in case they can provide the whole, or the greatest part time enough to be sent home by the January shipping, and that five thousand Pags : be sent them by the first good conveyance.

Generall Letter to the President and Councill at Surat (to be sent by ship Siryan Merchant) dated this day read.

THO : PITT.
WILL : FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THO : WRIGHT.
M : EMPSON.

THURSDAY 6TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE : THOMAS PITT ESQR : PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR : WILLIAM FRASER MR : FRANCIS ELLIS
MR : THOMAS WRIGHT MR :

All the Councill being duely summoned.

The Tobacco farmers pay into the Rt : Honble : Companys Cash Pags : 250 for one month on that account ending the 16th August 1698.

Capt : Seaton delivering a Petition wherein he acknowledges his fault (for which he was dismissed on the first Instant) and request to be reinstated promiseing his future behaviour shall be such as he hopes will give satisfaction to his superiours. In consideration that Capt : Seaton hath served the Rt : Honble : Company many years, in which time he hath approved himselfe a man of courage and conduct, and allwais kept the Garrison souldiers to their duty and in good order. It is resolved that he bee reinstated in his former Post.

Ordered that Emanuel Muskeet and Anthony deCruse, Portugueze be entertained to serve the Rt : Honble : Company as souldiers.

Generall Letter to Messrs : Lovell and Woolstone at Metchlepatam dated the 5th Instant and one from the President to Quola Narso read.

Mr : Roger Braddyll acquainting the Govr : that he desired to be admitted into the Station appointed him by the Rt : Honble : Comps : Commission in this Councill. He was now sent for and tooke his place in Councill accordingly.

Ordered that the account of salary due to the Rt : Honble : Comps : servants for halfe a year ending the 29th September 1698 be drawn out.

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Ordered that Pag^{s}: five thousand be paid to Serapa &c.^{a} Chief Merchants being so much due to them on their Contract dated the primo Augst: 98.

The President pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash four thousand Pag^{s}: being so much borrowed of him payable on demand.

Ordered that the Arrac farme which ends the last of this month be granted for the ensueing year to M^{rs}: Monk &c^{a}: at the rate of three thousand Pag^{s}: ℔ annum and that a cowle be accordingly given them.

Ordered that the warehousekeeper Lade on Board Ship Thorndon so many Bales as can be gott ready by the tenth Instant.

THO: PITT.
WILL: FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
R: BRADDYLL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

Dispatch'd a Generall to Mess^{s}: Lovell and Woolstone at Metchlepatam dated 5 Instant wth one from the President to Quola Narso. 6

Received a Generall Letter from Fort St. David dated the 5th: Instant. 8

Ship Sedgewicke Cap^{t}: George Weoley Mast^{r}: sailed for Bengall. 9

Received a Generall Letter from the Chief &c.^{a} of Pollicat.

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 10TH

Present

THE HON^{BLE} THOMAS PITT ESQ^{R}: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M^{R}: WILLIAM FRASER M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS
M^{R} ROGER BRADDYLL M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R}: MATTHEW EMPSON

Ordered that four Hundred Pag^{s}: be paid to M^{r}: Daniel Chardin being for one Bill drawn by the Deputy Governour and Councill of Fort S^{t}: David dated 17th: September last as advised in their Generall Letter dated the same day and four hundred Pag^{s}: to M^{r}: Thomas Wright for one Bill: dated the 5th: Instant drawn by dittos' as advised in their generall Letter of the same date.

The warehouse keeper is ordered to deliver the Mintmaster one thousand Pilleir Dollars for coining fanams for the westcoast, the [P]riamong Generall Letter, dated the 18th: May 1698, desireing fanams to that amount might be sent them.

M^{r}: Hinmerse read his account of the mint from the 15th: to the ultimo September last, and pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: 51: 30 f^{as}: on account Custom for coinage of Gold and to the warehousekeeper rupees 129: 4^{ans}: on acco^{t}: Custom for coinage of silver.

M^{r}: Charles Everall acquainting us that having pretty well recovered his health, he desires to returne to the West Coast on Ship Thorndon.

It is resolved that he do returne to the West Coast and Pag^{s}: 33: 12: fanams halfe a years whole salary due to him the 29th: past, be paid him.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: one thousand be paid to M^{r}: Matthew Empson Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

Resolved, that 12 English & 20 Portuguez Souldiers be sent on Ship Thorndon to York Fort, and that John Egans who appears to be a soberman and a souldier have a Commission given him appointing him Ensigne at York Fort in the roome of Thomas Gutteridge their present Ensign a man of a very ill character, who is to be sent by the Deputy Governour &c^{a}: either for England or this Place as a conveniency offers.

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The ffrench Padres having begun a new Building in their Churchyard without leave, were by order of Consultation 30th: May last prohibited from proceeding therein, but having since acknowledged their Error, and requested leave to proceed, It is resolved that they have leave to finish what they have begun.

THO: PITT.
WILL: FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R: BRADDYLL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

11 Dispatched a Genll: of this date to the Chief &ca: of Pollicatt.

THURSDAY 13TH ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR; ROGER BRADDYLL MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON

Generall Letters to the Deputy Governour & Councill of York Fort and to the Chief and Councill of [P]riamong Dated this day read. Allso a letter from the President to Sultan Guiimot and Rajah Maccoota.

In consideration of the Rt: Honble: Comps: Established order, that no goods that have once paid the stated custom of five ℔ Cent at any of their settlements, and having found by experience that the takeing of ffive ℔ Cent custom at York Fort on all goods that have paid custom at other of the Comps: Settlements is very prejudiciall to the revenues of this Place and to the trade & growth of that, which with the encrease of the halfe peny ℔ pound (more then formerly paid) laid by the Rt: Honble: Compa: on all pepper bought there, quite discourages private Merchants from sending their ships thither.

Therefore, It is resolved that all goods Imported at York Fort, that have before paid the Rt: Honble: Compa: their custom of ffive ℔ Cent at any other of their settlements, shall not pay Custom there. The person importing said goods, bringing a Certificate under the seal of the Rt: Honble: Compa: and hand of the chief Customer of such place where said goods were shipped off, that they have allready paid the Rt: Honble: Company five ℔ Cent Custom.

Mr: Thomas Wright Sea Customer pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: two thousand on account Sea Custom and Mr: Francis Ellis warehouse-keeper seven thousand Pags: on accot: Dollars sold.

The Governour acquaints that on Tuesday the 11th Instant about eight aclocke at night Capt: Sinclare came and acquainted him that John Robinson Corporal and [*lacuna in the original*] Centinel were run away from their guard at St: Thomas Gate wth: their Arm's and with them one [*Lacuna in the original*]. A Piper belonging to Capt: Seatons Compa: whereupon he ordered eight souldiers &s: serjeant wth: twenty Peons to persue them, who returning between ten and eleven the same night brought the said three souldiers backe wth: them, having taken them near Triblecane after some resistance wherein one man was wounded by a shott in yo: Thigh, and another with a sword and that he immediately committed them to the custody of the Marshall.

It is resolved, that they be tried by a Court Martial to be held in the inner fort on Tuesday the 25th Instant and Mr: Mead the Attorny Generall being now sent for was ordered [*lacuna in the original.*]

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Ordered that all the salted Porke and Bief now in store, that is good, be sent on shipp Thorndon to York Fort.

THO: PITT.
WILL: FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R: BRADDYLL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

The following order was signed by the Govr: and Councill. The Merchants acquainting that they are now sending into the Countrey and desire that the five thousand Pags: due to them by contract tomorrow may be now paid them. It is ordered that five thousand Pags: be paid them. 14

THO: PITT.
WILL: FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
R: BRADDYLL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

Received a Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated 12th Instant. 15
Dispatched a Generall letter to Fort St: David dated this day.

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 17TH

Present

THE HONBLE: THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: ROGER BRADDYLL MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON

The Tobacco farmers pay into the Rt: Honble: Compans: cash Pags: 250 on that account for one month Ending the 16th: September 1698.

Thomas Wigmore Secretary read his accot: fees for Passes for the month of September last and pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 2·24 fans: on that accot:

The Paymaster is ordered to advance twenty Pags: to Ensigne Egans, and three months pay to the souldiers who proceed on ship Thorndon for the West Coast.

Ordered that one thousand Pags: be paid to Mr: Matthew Empson Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

Ordered that Ten thousand Pags: be sent to Fort St: David on Ship Thorndon and that Pags: six hundred be paid to the Painters and Pags: 400 to the new weavours and that the Paymaster pay Pags: 6 : 22 : 40 (fa. ca.) to the owners of ship Siryan merchant, for the Passage of seven souldiers on sd: ship from Battavia hither.

Ordered that ship Thorndon be dispatch'd on Thursday morning next.

[*Lacuna in the original.*]

Mr: Francis Ellis warehousekeepr: pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: one thousand on accot: Dollars sold.

The Deputy Governour and Councill of York Fort their charge against Mr: Charles Frith late Chief of [P]riamong having been examined, wth: his answer &cs: papers relateing thereunto, It doth plainly appear that he had dealings wth: the Rebecca Interloper, and did spare her about 130 Candy of Pepper, for which there appearing no such necessity as is alledged by said Frith &cs: in their Consultation, dated 3d: May 1697. It is resolved upon a full debate of the

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matter, and in persuance of the Rt: Honble: Comps: orders in ye: Paragraph of their Letter, dated 26th January 169⅞ that he be dismissed from the Rt: Honble: Companys service and that he have no salary from the time of his being displaced from the chiefship of [P]riamong. But in consideration that there are some accounts of Pepper wanting at the West Coast charged to his account, which denies. It is agreed that he have liberty to goe to York Fort on ship Thorndon, to adjust his accot: wth: the Rt: Honble: Company, and that orders be given to the Deputy Governour &cs: to give him ye: necessary assistance for effecting the same, and when done, that they returne him hither wth: his account duely and fairly stated by the first conveyance.

THO: PITT.
WILL: FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R: BRADDYLL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

17 Sloop Narsinga arriv'd in this road from Barway.

19 Ship Elizabeth Robert Coffee master arrived in this road from Vizagapatam.

THURSDAY 20TH ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: FRANCIS ELLIS
MR: ROGER BRADDYLL MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATHEW EMPSON

Mr: Francis Ellis warehousekeeper pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Ellis Eight thousand Pags: on accot: Dollars sold.

Mr: John Meverell Provisionall Land Customer pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 370 on accot: Land custom and read his account for the month of September last particulars Vizt:

Choultrey Custom	Pags:	343:	31: 05
Triblecane Custom		0:	9: 60
Rubie Brokers		6:	34: 64
Cloth Brokers		4:	32: 40
New Town rents		14:	17: 33
Confiscations		2:	3: 65
	Pags:	372:	21: 27

Generall Letters to the Rt: Honble: Company, to the Deputy Governour and Councill at Fort St: David to the Deputy Governour and Councill at York Fort and to the Chief and Councill at [P]riamong and the Capts: Dispatch dated this day read and signed.

Mr: William Fraser produces the accot: of salary due to the Rt: Honble: Comps: servants for halfe a year ending the 29th September last amounting to Pags: 1015: 5: which is ordered to be paid.

THO: PITT.
WILL: FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R: BRADDYLL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

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This morning deliver'd Cap^{t}: Petre his dispatch wth: the severall Pacquetts for Fort S^{t}: Davids York Fort and [P]riamong and in the evening the Cap^{t}: endeavoured to goe off, but the wind blowing fresh, raised the surfe so high that the Boat was forced ashore. 21

This morning Cap^{t}: Petre went off. 22

Last night ship Thorndon sailed. 23

This morning M^{r}: W^{m}: Keeling dyed and was buried in y^{e}: Evening.

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 24TH

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: THOMAS PITT ESQ^{R}: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M^{R}: WILLIAM FRASER M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS
M^{R}: ROGER BRADDYLL M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R}: MATHEW EMPSON

Ordered that four hundred [Pags] be paid to Nathaniel Higginson Esq^{r}: being for one Bill dated the 15th: Instant, drawn by the Deputy Governour & Councill of Fort S^{t}: David, as advised in their Gen^{ll}: Letter, dated the [*lacuna in the original*] Instant.

M^{r}: Francis Ellis warehousekeeper, read his warehouse accounts for the months of July and August, formerly produced.

Great inconveniencies having arisen from Mortgageing and selling of houses without y^{e}: License of the Governour and Councill. It is ordered for the future prevention thereof, that no House whose value do's exceed one hundred Pag^{s}: be either mortgaged or sold without permission first obtained from the Governour and Councill for the same and that this order be made public in the usuall Languages.

Ordered that Antonio de Rosario, Petre de [. . .] Tome de silva, and Ignatio de silva be entertained as souldiers in this Garrison.

M^{r}: James Eustace Steward being sent for and not giveing a satisfactory acco^{t}: of his steward ship. It is ordered that M^{r}: Henry Davenport be steward, and to enter upon the same the first of November next, and that M^{r}: Eustace deliver an exact account of House moveables &c^{a}: belonging to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company to M^{r}: Davenport and M^{r}: Fraser and M^{r}: Ellis are ordered to examine his acco^{ts}:

It is ordered that the Court Martial appointed to be held the 25th: Instant for the tryall of three souldiers, be adjourn'd to Tuesday y^{e}: Eight November. The Paymaster is ordered to pay Pag^{s}: 42. 30 fanams for Paper bought for Fort S^{t}: David, and the West Coast and Pag^{s}: 29: 1: 58. for 407 ^{lb} cheese bought for a store Pag^{s}: 25: for 25 Gallons of Canary sent to the Camp and Pag^{s}: 10 for one chest of rosewater.

Generall Letter from M^{r}: Holcombe &c^{a}: at Vizagapatam dated 22. September last wth: their Diary to ditto time, and a Generall Letter from M^{r}: Lovell &^{a}: at Metchlepatam dated the 12th: Instant wth: their Diary to the 11th: ditto read.

R: BRADDYLL. THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT. WILL: FRASER.
M: EMPSON. FFRANCIS ELLIS.

Received a Generall Letter from the Chief and Councill of Vizagapatam dated the 4th: Instant, wth: a Pacquett from the Agent and Councill of Bengall containing duplicates of their Generall Letters dated 10th: & 20th: July & 5th: August 1698. 27

Received Generall Letters from the Commodore &c^{a}: Councill at Anjengo dated 7 & 15 Sop^{ber}: last. 29

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31 Received a Generall Letter from the Chief &c^{a}: Councill of Vizagapatam dated 24th: Instant ℔ ship Fleetwood master.

MONDAY 31 ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: THOMAS PITT ESQ^{R}: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN — M^{R}: WILLIAM FRASER
M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS — M^{R}: ROGER BRADDYLL
M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT — M^{R}: MATTHEW EMPSON

The Arrac farmers pay into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: Cash Pag^{s}: 300: for two months ending the last July 1698. M^{r}: Francis Ellis warehouse keeper paid into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: Cash Pag^{s}: 8000 on the 27th: on acco^{t}: of outcry and Ingott silver sold, and Pag^{s}: 8000 [the same] day on ditto acco^{t}.

Ordered that four thousand Pag^{s}: be paid y^{e}: Presid^{t}: being so much lent by him on the 6th: Instant.

There being great complaint amongst y^{e}: Poor for want of small cash, It is ordered that two candy of Copper be bought by the Paym^{r}: and delivered into the mint to be coined into small Cash.

Ordered that one thousand Pag^{s}: be paid to M^{r}: Matthew Empson Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

M^{r}: Thomas Wright Sea Customer pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: Cash Pag^{s}: 1500, on acco^{t}: Sea Custom, and M^{r}: John Foquet rentall Generall Pag^{s}: 495, Viz^{t}: Pag^{s}: 179: 11: fan^{s}: being the balance of his acco^{t}: Quit rents and Pag^{s}: 315: 25: 2: as the balance of his scavengers acco^{t}: as ℔ his acco^{t}: now produced.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: five thousand be paid to Serapa &c^{a}: Joint Stocke Merchants according to their contract dated the primo August 1698.

Elihu Yale Esq^{r}: desireing leave to sell a piece of ground in the Black Town called the old Powder House ground, It is resolved that he have liberty to sell the same he registring the sale as usuall and that Cundapa have Liberty to sell his House to Moota Chittee and that Vincatama widdow have liberty to Mortgage her house.

M^{r}: Styleman delivering two papers, one signed by himselfe, and the others signed by Messieurs Blackmore Watts and Hunt (as entred after this Consultation) with a List of Debts standing on Tonqueen Books Letters ZZ. amounting to tale 15756. $\overset{m.}{—}$: $\overset{c.}{1}$, which they are of opinion are irrecoverable. It is ordered that they be writt of by Profit and Losse in the supplyment to the Tonqueen Books ZZ.

The Merchants complaining that the sorters were so severe in the sortment of their cloth, by reduceing it into many sorts and numbers and valueing them when so reduced, so very low, that they shall be great loosers by the Investm^{t}: notwithstanding the advance of twenty five ℔ C^{t}: and desireing wee would goe and view 17 bales sorted this day. It is resolved that the President and Councill do meet tomorrow morning at nine a clocke at the sorting Godown to view the same.

The Paymaster is ordered to discharge fifty peons this month.

Generall Letter from Vizagapatam dated the 4th: Instant read.

Ordered that M^{r}: Styleman and M^{r}: Wright do Examine the accounts depending between the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: and M^{r}: James Sowdon and that M^{r}: Wright be one of the Judges assistant in the Court of Admiralty in the roome of M^{r}: Edward Tredcroft.

FFRANCIS ELLIS. — THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT. — JO: STYLEMAN.
M: EMPSON. — WILL: FRASER.

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Honourable Sr: &ca:.

I herewith send your Honr: &ca: List of the severall debts in the Tonqueen Books wth: Mr: Richard Watts &ca: Gentlemens opinions concerning them, if there were any hopes of recovering any part of them, they ought to be brought into our Currant Books; but since they have declared there is no hopes of ever recovering anything, It is my opinion they ought to be cleared in ye: Tonqueen Books by Profit and Loss, wch: is agreeable to the auditors Generall Directions in such cases. But the Tonqueen Gentlemen thinking it not safe to do without an order from yor: Honr: &ca: I humbly request yor: Honr &ca: will please to give them an order of Consultation for the doing of It if you thinke convenient, or otherwise order how these accounts shall be cleared, I am,

Yor: Honr: &ca: humble Servt
Fort St: George 25th: October 1698. JOHN STYLEMAN.

Being desired to give our opinion by Mr: John Styleman concerning the King &ca: Tonqueeners Debts, now remaining upon the Tonqueen Books Lettrs: ZZ, whether there be any probability of recovering any part of them, wee do declare it is our opinion they are all desperate, having before wee left Tonqueen used our utmost endeavours to gett in what wee could possible. And wee do further declare yt: it is our opinion, that in case the Rt: Honble: Compa: should thinke fitt to resettle their Factory at Tonqueen again, they will never be able to recover any part of those debts mentioned in our List dated in Fort St: George this 24th: October 1698.

RICHARD WATTS.
LEMUEL BLACKMORE.
RICHARD HUNT.

Received a Generall Letter from Fort St: David, dated the 29th: past, advising they dispatched ship Thorndon on the 27th: ulto having Laden on board 124 bales. NOVEMBER 3RD.

ATT A CONSULTATION FRIDAY 4TH

Present

THE HONBLE: THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS MR:
MR: MR: MATTHEW EMPSON

All the Councill being duely summoned, Vincate Kisna &ca: Tobacco farmers pay into the Rt: Honble: Compa: Cash Pags: 250 on that account for one month ending the 16th: October 1698.

Generall Letter to Vizagapatam dated the third Instant read.

John Dolben Esqr: offering in behalfe of Mr: Simon Holcombe chief of Vizagapatam to give his Bond to the President and Councill whereby he doth oblige himselfe for said Simon Holcombe that what expended more on acco: factory charges then the sum Limited by the Rt: Honble: Compa: Vizt: Pags: six Hundred on account factory charges and Pags: one hundred on acco: Presid: shall be made good by the said Mr: Holcombe if the Rt: Honble: Company do not allow thereof. It is resolved that the same be accepted, and that the factory be continued on those terms.

Ordered that the Paymaster put up three of the Rt: Honble: Compa: old Horses at outcry, not being worth keeping.

THO: PITT.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
M. EMPSON.

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MONDAY 7TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS MR:
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: MATTHEW EMPSON

All the Councill being duely summoned.

M: Francis Ellis warehouse keeper pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Eight thousand Pags: on accot: of silver sold and account outcry.

Mr: Joseph Hinmerse read the Mint accot: for the month of October last, and pays into ye: Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 55: 14: Fans: and to the warehouse keeper Rupees 407: 3 añ: particulars Vizt:

Accot: Custom of gold coined in the Mint Pags: 55: 14:
Accot: Custom of silver coined in the Mint Rups: 407: 3 ans:

Mr: Thomas Wright Sea Customer read his account of sea Customs for the month of Septembr: last particulars Vizt:

To Custom of Goods Imported and Exported this month	Pags:	2086: 25: 3:
To Custom on Grain	„	188: 4: 1:
To Anchorage	„	70: 18: =
To Tonnage	„	11: 4: =
	Pags:	2356: 15: 4

Generall Letters to the Governour and Councill of Fort St: David and to the Governour and Councill of Negapatam both dated this day read.

Mr: Matthew Empson Paymaster read his account disbursements for the months of August and September last particulars Vizt:

AUGUST.

Charges Garrison	Pags:	1135: 20:
Vizagapatam	„	18:
Charges Diett	„	261: 19:
Charges Merchandise	„	21: 28:
Charges Cattle	„	17: 7:
Charges Generall	„	440: 17:
Account Presents	„	56: 26:
Metchlepatam	„	92: 35:
Garrison Stores	„	77: 4:
Fort St: David	„	5: 20:
Priaman Settlement	„	7: 12:
House Moveables	„	11: 24:
West Coast	„	5: =
Ship Dolphin	„	6: 2:
Charges Extraordinary	„	9: 1:
Fortifications and repairs	„	106: 18:
	„	2254: 35:

SEPTEMBER.

Charges Garrison	P.	1240: 28
Charges Merchandise		75: 24
Vizagapatam		: 18
West Coast		5: =
Charges Generall		411: 2
Charges Diett		308: 23
Charges Cattle		19: 20
Garrison Stores		25: 18
House moveables		2: =
Metchlepatam		47: =
Stores		196: =

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Charges Extraordinary	7 : 31
Fort St. David	: 30
Makeing Gunpowder	87 : 2
Fortifications and repairs	107 : 21
	Pag : 2,535 : 1

Ordered that James Linebone William Swan and John Runno be discharged from the Gunroom.

Ordered that Pag^{s} : one thousand be paid to M^{r} : Matthew Empson Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

The Governour and Councill having lately surveyed the Beating godowns and finding them so much decayed, that they think it hazardous for people to work in them.

It is resolved that those Godowns after the departure of the January shipping be pull'd down, and that the Paymaster in the meantime provide materialls to rebuild a new one with a large granary over it.

THO : PITT.
WILL : FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
THO : WRIGHT.
M : EMPSON.

Ship Elizabeth Robert Coffee master sailed for Vizagapatam. 7

Received a Generall Letter from Fort S^{t} : David dated the second instant.

Dispatched a Generall Letter to the Dep^{t} : Governour at ffort S^{t} : David and 8
to the Governour &c^{a} : Councill at Negapatam, both of yesterdays date.

The following order was signed by the Presid^{t} & Councill :— THURSDAY.

Ordered that five thousand Pag^{s} : be sent by Peons to Fort S^{t} : David along 10
with M^{r} : Games and some others of the Comp^{s} : servants who are goeing thither overland.

FRANCIS ELLIS. THOMAS : PITT.
THOMAS WRIGHT. JOHN STYLEMAN.
MATTHEW EMPSON. WILLIAM FRASER.

This evening M^{r} : Games &c^{a} : sett out for Fort S^{t} : David by whome sent a Generall Letter to the Deputy Governour and five thousand Pag^{s} : by Ten Peons.

Ship Nonsuch James Howell master arrived from Bengall by whom received 11
Generall Letters from the Agent &c^{a} : dated the 6th : and 15th : September last adviseing their intentions of dispatching them Tavestocke and Anna directly for England and sending the Martha hither, also that they had received the Princes Neshawn and all other necessary papers.

Ship Fleetwood Peter Newell master sailed for Vizagapatam.

Narrain arrived this evening from Metchlepatam and brought a Generall Letter from Messr^{s} : Lovell [&] Woolstone dated the 26 October last wth : their Diary from the 12th : October to the 22nd : ditto. Allso a Generall Letter from M^{r} : Lovell dated 31 October &c^{a} : papers as ℔ List.

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 14TH

Present

THE HON^{BLE} : THOMAS PITT ESQ^{R} : PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR

M^{R} :	M^{R} : WILLIAM FRASER
M^{R} : FRANCIS ELLIS	M^{R} :
M^{R} : THOMAS WRIGHT	M^{R} : MATTHEW EMPSON

M^{R} : JOHN STYLEMAN *indisposed.*

All the Councill being duely summoned.

M^{r} : Francis Ellis warehousekeeper on the 10th : Instant paid into the R^{t} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{s} : Cash Pag^{s} : Eight Thousand, and Ancopa &c^{a} : Arrac farmers on the 11th : Pag^{s} : 150 for one month on that acco^{t} : ending the last of August 1698.

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Peter de Poma a Serjeant is at his own request discharged from the Rt: H: Comps: service.

The President read his account of the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash for the month of October last the balance being Pags: 154: 62: 9: 8.

Generall Letters from Bengall dated 6th: & 15th: September last, and from Messrs: Lovell and Woolstone dated the 26th: & 30th: October last wth: their Diary from the 12th: October to the 22nd: ditto read.

Mr: Francis Ellis read his warehouse and storekeepers accounts for the months of September and October last.

Resolved that Pags: six thousand be sent to Mr: Lovell &cs: at Metchlepatam by twenty Peons overland.

Ordered that an account now delivered by Mr: William Hunt, whereby he makeing the Rt: Honble: Company Debtor ps: 22: 7: 5, be delivered to the Accountant to examine and report same on Thursday next.

THO: PITT.
WILL: FRASER.
M: EMPSON.

Received a Generall Letter from Fort St. David dated the 11th: Instant.

Dispatched a Generall Letter to Fort St: David of this date.

16 Dispatched a Generall Letter to Messrs: Lovell &cs: at Metchlepatam of yesterdays date wth: whom sent them six Thousand Pags: by a Serjeant accompanyed by twenty Peons.

THURSDAY 17TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: THOMAS PITT ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR

MR:	MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS	MR:
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT	MR: MATTHEW EMPSON

MR: JOHN: STYLEMAN *indisposed.*

All the Councill being duely summoned.

Mr. John Meverell Provll: Land Customer read his account Land Customs for the month of October last particulars Vizt.

Choultrey Custome	Pags:	242: 17: 65
Rubie Brokers		1: 25: 44
Cloth Brokers		2: 9: 55
Town rents		71: 5: 78
	Pags:	317: 23: 2

and pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 316 on that account.

Mr: Thomas Wright Sea Customer read his account Sea Customs for the month of October last particulars Vizt:

To Custom on Goods Imported and Exported this month	P:	1323: 29: 40
To Custom on Grain		222: 15: 25
To Anchorage		27: =: =
To Salvage		190: 32: 40
	Pags:	1764: 5: 25

and pays into to the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 1400 on that account.

Ordered that one thousand Pags: be paid to Mr: Empson Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

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The Paymaster is ordered to advance one Hundred Pagᵃ: to the Mucquawmen for mending their Boats as usuall.

Ordered that the warehousekeepʳ: do deliver 50 Candy of Lead at nine Pagᵃ: a Candy to the Joint Stocke Merchants, to bee paid for in one month.

Ordered that Pagᵃ: 22 : 7 : 5 be paid to Mʳ: William Hunt, the balance of his account mentioned last Consultation wᶜʰ: the accomptant reports to be right Stated.

Serapa acquainting us that there are 50 weavours who offer to come wᵗʰ: their families and settle here on condition they have the same encouragement as others have had.

It is resolved that they have ground appointed them for building their Houses, and five Pagodᵃ: advanced to each family, which is to be delivered [to] the heads of the Cast who are to be answerable for the rest.

Narrain delivering an account of money Expended by him for charges from Metchlepatam to Pettipolle and hither amount to Pagᵃ: 34 : 2 [. . .] which the Paymaster is ordered to pay.

Chinandee Chief weigher at the Sea and Land Custom house having been suspended from Office for some time and the duty stop't in yᵉ: Conicoplies hands

It is resolved that he be restored to his place collecting only a small ancient Duty for Charitable uses.

THO: PITT.
WILL: FRASER.
M: EMPSON.

Received a Generall Letter from Fort Sᵗ: David dated 15ᵗʰ: Instant. 19

ATT A CONSULTATION TUESDAY 22ᴺᴰ

Present

THE HONᴮᴸᴱ: THOMAS PITT ESQᴿ: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
Mᴿ: Mᴿ: WILLIAM FRASER
Mᴿ: Mᴿ:
Mᴿ: Mᴿ: MATTHEW EMPSON.
Mᴿ: STYLEMAN & Mᴿ: WRIGHT *indisposed.*

All the Councill being duely summoned.

Mʳ: Francis Ellis warehousekeepʳ: on the 21ˢᵗ: Instant paid into the Rᵗ: Honᵇˡᵉ: Compᵃ: Cash Pagᵃ: seven thousand on accoᵗ: silver sold & outcry accoᵗ:

Ordered that Pagᵃ: 500 : be advanced to [Yeamana] &cᵃ: Painters and Pagᵃ: 300 to Raggina &cᵃ: washers for curing the Rᵗ: Honᵇˡᵉ: Compᵃ: Cloth.

Ordered that Pagᵃ: 279 : 19 : 3 be paid to Mʳ: Daniel Chardin being for one Bill dated the 10ᵗʰ: Instant and 300 Pagᵃ: to Mʳ: Tho: Wright for one Bill of ditto date both drawn by the Governour and Councill of Fort Sᵗ: David as advised in their Generall Letter.

Ordered that Anthony de Mount Portugueze be entertained to serve as a Souldier in this Garrison.

Generall Letter from Fort Sᵗ: David dated the 15ᵗʰ: Instant read, wherein they give their opinion that 'tis more reputable for the Company to send our Mulla wᵗʰ: the Goozburdar to demand the Elephants, then to lett Mockdum Nina goe and solicit for them himselfe, which being considered wᵗʰ: the Rᵗ: H: Compᵃ: Orders in the 5ᵗʰ: Paragraph of their Generall Letter dated 16ᵗʰ: April 1697 wherein they order us to gett satisfaction for any Inhabitants that shall be injured by the Moors.

It is resolved that the Mulla do proceed to the Camp with the necessary Instructions for getting reparation for the damages sustained at Fort Sᵗ: Davids, and particularly to demand the delivery of Mockdum Nina's Elephants.

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The warehousekeeper is order'd to sell one Garse of Paddy at the Banck sall by fanams for the conveniency of the Poor.

Ancopa &c^{a}: Arrac farmers pay into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: one hundred on that acco^{t}:

THO: PITT.
WILL: FRASER.
M: EMPSON.

23 Dispatch'd a Generall Letter to Fort S^{t}: David dat^{d}: this day.

FRIDAY 25TH ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: THOMAS PITT ESQ^{R}: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M^{R}: — M^{R}: WILLIAM FRASER
M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS M^{R}: —
M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT M^{R}: —
M^{R}: STYLEMAN *indisposed.*

All the Councill being duely summoned.

Whereas on the 22th: Instant in Consultation, It was resolved to send our Mulla to the Nabobs Camp to demand the delivery of Mockdum Nina's elephants taken by Seileman Cawn at Fort S^{t}: Davids, but upon second thoughts it is resolved the Mulla shall not goe in the Comp^{s}: name, Our reason is that if he should goe in that manner as our Vaqueel it might prove a matter of great Expence and charge to the R^{t}: H: Comp^{a}: and be detained at the Camp dureing the Nabobs pleasure.

In the mean time it is thought convenient y^{t}: the President send a letter to the Nabob demanding satisfaction for all the injuries done by Seileman Cawn at Fort S^{t}: David w^{ch}: Letter is now read & approv'd & to be sent by a private Peon.

THO: PITT.
WILL: FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

THURSDAY 10MO ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: THOMAS PITT ESQ^{R}: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN M^{R}: WILLIAM FRASER
M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS M^{R}: —
M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT M^{R}: MATTHEW EMPSON

M^{r}: Francis Ellis Warehousekeeper paid into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Companys Cash on the 28th past Pag^{s}: six thousand on account silver sold & acco^{t}: Outcry. And Ancopa &c^{a}: Arrac farmers fifty Pag^{s}: on that account.

M^{r}: Thomas Marshall Register read his account of the Court Duties for one year Ending the first of October 1698 and pays into the R^{t}: Hon: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: 155: 22 as the balance of his account.

M^{r}: Matthew Empson pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: 83: 18: fanams being for three old Horses sold at Outcry by order of Consultation 4 November last Viz^{t}.

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Piebald Horse	Pa: 30:	=
White Horse	22:	18
Blacke Horse	31:	=
	Pags: 83:	18

The Ministers, Churchwardens & Sidesmen delivered in a Petition, consisting of several heads relateing to the Hospitall which is referred to further consideration.

Mr: Matthew Empson Paymaster read his account Disbursements for the month of October last particulars Vizt.

Charges Garrison	Pags: 1,095:	14
Charges Diett	285:	19
Charges Merchandize	208:	22
Charges Cattle	21:	5
Charges Generall	434:	6
Factors Provisions	39:	2
Stores	83:	25
Account Presents	25:	=
Fort St: David	22:	18
West Coast	262:	24
Vizagapatam	=:	18
Charges Extraordinary	9:	2
Fortifications and repairs	49:	29
	Pags: 2,533:	4

Ordered that one thousand Pags: be paid to Mr: Matthew Empson Paymaster for defraying Garrison Charges.

Ordered that five thousand Pags: be paid to Serapa &cn: Chief Merchants, being so much due to them on their Contract dated the first of August 1698.

Ordered that the Gunner sell six of the old small guns, and buy four new Gunns for the Point at the new Garden.

THO: PITT.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

Dispatchd a Generall Letter to Fort St: David of this date. 9mo

ATT A CONSULTATION FRIDAY 2D

Present

THE HONBLE: THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS MR:
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: MATTHEW EMPSON

Ordered that Peter Sewat, Jacob Hendrickes Pasqual Mallear, and Domingo de Seer be Entertained as souldiers in this Garrison.

Mr: William Morrice having made his request to be discharged from the Rt: Honble: Comps: service, he having served his limited time which request is granted.

Ordered that Joseph Newman be Entertained in the Gunroom and William Smith as Cooke of the Fort at the usual pay.

The Governour produced Mr: William Frasers paper, dated the 28th: November last containing many heads of the occasionall differences between the late

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Govern^{r}: Higginson and M^{r}: Fraser, Copy whereof is ordered to be sent to M^{r}: Higginson, and Entred after this Consultation.

THO: PITT.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: THOMAS PITT PRESID^{T}:
& GOVERN^{R}: OF FORT ST. GEORGE & FFORT S^{T}: DAVID.

In obedience to your Hon^{rs}: desire of my delivering in writeing the main heads of the occasionall differences w^{ch}: have happened of late years in Fort S^{t}: George between the late Governour Higginson &c^{a}: Councill and myselfe, which I shall now do, with so much clearnesse as evidence or matter of fact shall make appear in the course and method of the examination.

I have allready delivered a memoir relating to the farming out the Tobacco on y^{e}: 22^{d}: March 169$\frac{3}{4}$.

The freighting of the Armenian Merchant to China.

The next was the late Govern^{rs}: appointing the Councill of Fort S^{t}: George in August 1694, grounding the same on the 15th: Paragraph of y^{e}: R^{t}: H: Comp^{s}: Letter by the Royall James & Mary received here the 3^{d}: february 169$\frac{3}{4}$ and the consequences thereupon.

The late Governour Higginsons particul^{r}: letter to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company dated 30th: May 1698 but read publickly to the Councill on the 16th of June at night, at the signing of our Gen^{ll}: Letter to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company sent by the Armenian Merchant occasioned by the [Consult^{n}:] of the 10th: May, when I said these words and no more Viz^{t}: your Hon^{r}: may have it as you please.

August 1695. The proceedings of Nellakun[tee his] Widdow in the Court of Admiralty proveing [her] selfe to have been married, severely but wrongfully censured by the late Governour Higginson, seeing the proceedings of the Court and the Judgement of severall casts delivered in writeing under their hands into Court, in which Berra Kisna was an active Instrument against y^{e}: Widdow.

OCTOBER. The Examination of the measurer of grain on the 11th: 12th: & 14th: October wth: Consultations previous to the same Viz^{t}: Sept^{r}: 2^{d}: 12 &c^{a}: see papers & Consultations.

169$\frac{5}{6}$ FEBRUARY 20TH The punishment of Veropah chief measurer advised home to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company as if punished, which notwithstanding was remitted him and the fine of Pag^{s}: 100 taken, w^{ch}: he was by the sentence of the Councill to have paid, besides the punishment to have been inflicted as advised home by the Sarah & Mary in February 169$\frac{5}{6}$ in all which and through the whole course of that examination, the aforesaid Kisna was a buisy instrument & in severall other ill practises.

1696 APRIL 21ST It was not enough for the late Governonr Higginson first to discourage Narrain the Comp^{s}: chief Dubash, but afterwards to inprison him for severall months, and also endeavoured to Exile him to Manilha, but with much ado permitted his stay in town, by the intercession of some Merchants, who were obliged to become his security in a Bond of a Considerable sum̃e & all upon a frivolous surmise which was never prov'd to this day, but his only misfortune that he was not in Berra Kisna's favour & stood in his light, as it was mine that I could not agree with the Governour in consenting to punish a person of whom I was not satisfied in my conscience was guilty.

MAY 27TH The Governours reflections on me in said Consultation relateing to a rupee supposed to have been plated sent by the Agent of Beng^{ll}: by the ffleet frigott.

OCTOBER 15TH Relateing to M^{r}: Braddy'll and the Generall Letter from S^{r}: John Gayer &c^{a}: rec^{d}: here the 24th: September.

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Relateing to Mr: Brough the Steward his great expence, exceeding any of the former stewards for ten years past. NOVEMBER 30

The great increase of Presents & it's ill consequence &ca: Consultation June 15th: relating to Mr: Tredcrofts being made one of the Councill, compared with the Fort St: George Letter dated the 7th: Septr: 1697 to the Rt: Honble: Company sent by the Madrass frigot. NOVEMBER 9TH 1697

The late Governours severity to Timapah ye: late chief Merchant, both before and after he left the town.

The discourageing bringing saltpetre to the Port, a great losse to the Place.

This is what at present I can thinke of (not being of late conversant with the Consultation Books) but with submission reserving to myselfe the liberty of anything else material that may occur to my thoughts in the course and progresse of the Examination [. . .] which submit to your Honrs: Impartial Judgement.

Fort St: George Novr: 28: 1698. WILLIAM FRASER.

Received a Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated the first Instant and from the Governour & Council of Negapatam dated the $\frac{25 \text{ October}}{5 \text{ Decr.}}$ 1698. 5

ATT A CONSULTATION TUESDAY 6TH

Present

THE HONBLE: THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS MR:
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: MATTHEW EMPSON

Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated the first Instant read.

Ordered that Pags: 500 be paid to Nathaniel Higginson Esqr: and Pags: 1,000 to Kettee Naran being for two bills drawn by the Governour and Councill of Fort St: David as advised in the Generall dated the first Instant.

Ordered that a gold Chain of about thirty Pags: value, be sent as a present to Quola Narso our chief merchant at Metchlepatam.

THO: PITT.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
THO: WRIGHT.
M. EMPSON.

Sloop Abednego Michael m[aster] arrived from Bengall, by whome received a Generall letter from the Agent and Councill dated the 18th: November 1698. 7

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 8TH

Present

THE HONBLE: THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: MR:
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: MATTHEW EMPSON

Mr: Francis Ellis warehouse-keeper (by his Coincoply) pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash four thousand Pags: on account silver Sold and account Outcry.

The President read his account of the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash for the month of November last, the balance being Pags: 17961: 15: 2.

[8TH] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, DECEMBER 1698*——

Ordered that an account in writeing be demanded of Elihu Yale Esq^{r}: (formerly Presid^{t}: of this Place) of the building of the new Hospitall, and that M^{r}: Fraser goe to him for the same.

Upon consideration of the Petition deliver'd in by the Ministers, Churchwardens &c^{a}: in Consultation the first Instant, representing to this board the great charge they are at in maintaining the Hospitall which is wholly appropriated to the use of the souldiers &c^{a}: in the Companies service.

Resolved, for the future that they are discharged from contributeing thereto, and only to pay the charge of such sick persons as they shall send thither, and that hence forward the Chirurgeon or steward of the Hospitall render a monthly account to the Paymaster of the charge of said Hospitall.

Resolved that that part of the Petition in which they desire some consideration for the building the Hospitall w^{ch}: cost them Eight Hundred Pag^{s}: be referred to the R^{t}: H. Comp^{a}: and that their Petition with the resolution of this board be remitted to their Hon^{rs}: by the first shipping, desireing their answer thereunto.

The Portuguez Inhabitants of this place having formerly deliver'd a petition, wherein they request to pay the same Custom of five ℔ Cent as all other Christians do. It is resolved that Europe Portuguez and those born of Europe Parents pay no more then five ℔ Cent and that all others goeing under y^{e}: denominacon of Mallabars &c^{a}: professing the Roman Catholic religion do pay the Peddy Naigues duty besides the above mentioned five ℔ C^{t}: Custom. and further, It is resolved to prevent abuses of y^{e}: aforemenconed from owning Jentues or Moors Goods, that the Sea Customer make scrutiny by oath, or otherwise, whenever he sees cause of suspicion.

Vincatamana delivered a petition, the consideration whereof is deferred to another opportunity.

M^{r}: Charles Fleetwood delivers a Petition by way of appeal from a judgement in y^{e}: Court of Admiralty in the behalfe of the R^{t}: H: Comp^{a}.

Generall Letters to the Generall &c^{a}: at Bombay and to the President & Councill of Surat both dated this day read and approved.

Generall Letter from the Agent and Councill of Bengall dated the 18th: past received ℔ ketch Abednego read.

THO: PITT.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
FFRANCIS: ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

8 Dispatched a Generall Letter to the Chief and Councill of Vizagapatam dated the 2nd: Instant and to M^{r}: Thomas Lovell &c^{a}: at Metchlepatam dated the 6th: Instant wth: a Letter to Capt: Raynes under a flying seal dated the 7th: Instant and a Gold Chain to Quola Narso the Compa^{s}: Chief Merch^{t}: at Metchlapatam weighing 290$\frac{8}{16}$ Pagoda w^{tt}.

MONDAY 12 ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: THOMAS PITT ESQ^{R}: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN M^{R}: WILLIAM FRASER
M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS M^{R}:
M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT M^{R}: MATTHEW EMPSON

M^{r}: Styleman produceth the Generall Books of this Presidency Letter Q-Q- Ending the 30th: April 1698 balanced, which are ordered to be sent to his Hon^{r}: Higginson to peruse and signe according to the Auditor Generalls orders being

as mentioned in the beginning kept under his direction.

Ordered that three hundred Pag^{s}: be paid to Paulo &c^{a}: washers for curing the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: cloth.

M^{r}: Thomas Wright Sea Customer pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: 500 on account Sea Custom.

Ordered that one thousand Pag^{s}: be paid to M^{r}: Matthew Empson Paymaster to defray Garrison charges.

M^{r}: Blackmore complaining that his account is wrong stated in the Tonqueen Ordered that the same be examined in the Court of Admiralty.

M^{r}: Fraser reports that according to order of Consultation dated the 8th: Instant, he waited upon Elihu Yale Esq^{r}: who declares that the new Hospitall cost him near seventeen hundred Pag^{s}: and promises to give the same under his hand.

Generall Letter to Fort S^{t}: David dated this day read and approv'd.

M^{r}: Joseph Hynmerse Prov^{ll}: Mintmaster read his mint account for the month of November last, and pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: 55: 21 fanams, and to the warehousekeeper rupees 597, being the balance of his account.

THO: PITT.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 15TH.

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: THOMAS PITT ESQ^{R}:	PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR
M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN	M^{R}: WILLIAM FRASER
M^{R}:	M^{R}:
M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT	M^{R}: MATTHEW EMPSON

All the Councill being duely summoned.

Ancopa &c^{a}: Arrac Farmers pay into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: fifty on that account.

M^{r}: John Meverell Prov^{ll}: Land Customer pays into account Land Customs for the moneth of November last particulars Viz^{t}:

Choultrey Custom	Pag^{s}:	217:	8: 60
Rubie Brokers	„	15:	3: 37
Cloth Brokers	„	5:	7: 35
Registring Slaves	„	57:	28: =
Confiscations	„	1:	4: 20
	Pag^{s}:	296:	15: 72

and pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pagodas 295, as the balance.

Ordered that five thousand Pag^{s}: be paid to Serapa &c^{a}: Chief merchants, being so much due to them on their contract dated primo August 1698.

Ordered that four new Saker Guns of about 22^{cwt}: weight each be bought of the Gunner at four Pag^{s}: a hundred with their carriages & sent to Fort S^{t}: David by Ship Wellfare, they having formerly desired such might be sent them to mount on their new works at Cuddalore and they be ordered to sell their small guns which they advise to be uselesse, or if not [saleable] there to send them hither by first opportunity.

Ordered that one hundred Pag^{s}: be paid to Airingapa Naigue out of the Talliars money.

[15TH] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, DECEMBER 1698*——

Mr: Styleman and Mr: Wright produces Mr: Sowdons account with the Rt: Honble: Company, stated by them by order of Consultation dated 31 October 1698, by the balance whereof there is Pags: 211: 30: 2 due to Mr: Sowdon, which is approv'd of and ordered to be paid. In the examination of said account there is Pags: 45: 20: 2 which cannot be determined here, but referred to Bengall and one Article of 720½ Dollers, and another of 500, which is referred to York Fort.

THO: PITT.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

15. Last night ship Nonsuch Capt: William Morrice Commander sailed for Bombay & Surat by whom sent a Generall Letter to the Generall & Councill at Bombay and to the President & Councill at Surat both dated the 8th Instant.

16TH. Receiv'd a Generall Letter from Fort St: David [by] Messieurs Bugden and Harris dated the 12th: Instant.

MONDAY 19TH. ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: MATTHEW EMPSON

Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated 12th: Instant and from Messieurs Lovell & Woolstone, from Metchlepatam dated the 3rd: Instant read.

Ordered that Pags: 600 be paid to Mr: Thomas Wright and Pags: three hundred to Nathaniel Higginson, being for two Bills drawn by the Governour and Councill of Fort St: David as advised in their Generall Letter dated 12th: Instant.

The Deputy Governour and Councill of Fort St: David having returned by Messieurs Bugden and Harris Eight hundred Allumgeer [sic] Pags: as not passible there. It is ordered that they have credit for said sume.

Ordered that two Prospective Glasses be s[ent] to Mr: Lovell &ca: at Metchlepatam, they desireing them for presents to that Governour and the Governour of Pettipollee.

Having made a triall to sell the Broad cloth by outcry, but the price falling very much, it is resolved that the sale be deferred for ye: present and that if a better price be not offered before the monsoon serv's for Bengall that then what Broad Cloth wee can spare be sent thither the Agent &cs: having desired 100000 rupees worth may be sent by first opportunity.

Ordered that two hundred Pags: be paid to Comerapa &ca: weavours, and that Punnapa Muddelare late chief weavour deceas'd, his debt be transferred to Comerapa his son.

Mr: Higginson having sent a paper (as Entred after this Consultation) relateing to signing of Books QQ wherein he thinks 'tis convenient that the Councill should sign them with him being under their joint direction.

It is resolved that said Books be sign'd by Mr: Higginson and the then Councill.

THO: PITT.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R: BRADDYLL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, DECEMBER 1698*—— [19TH]

To the Hon^BLE: Thomas Pitt Esq^R: Presid^T: & Governour &c^A:
Councill of ffort S^T: George.

Your Hon^r: &c^a: having ordered that y^e: Generall Books of Fort S^t: George QQ ending on the 30^th: April 1698, be deliver'd to me to be signed, in persuance of the Auditor Generalls late order, I desire to be inform'd after what manner I should sign the Books, for I cannot sign as Accomptant, they being framed by another, and if I should sign by way of approveall, the Councill allso should sign [be]cause the Hon^ble: Comp^s: affairs were not under my single direction, but under the direction of President and Councill, as usually expressed in the Title of the Journal, and as hath been practised in other Factorys, thô the Generall Books in this place have been for many years past sign'd by the Accomptant.

Your Hon^r: &c^as: most hum^ble: Serv^t:

Fort S^t: George 17 Dec^r: 1698. Nath^l: Higginson.

Ship Chandroo Sakeron arrived in this road from Barway Laden with grain. 19.
Receiv'd a Generall Letter from Fort S^t: David dated the 16 Instant. 20.
Dispatch'd a Genarall Letter to Fort S^t: David dated this day. 21.

Att a Consultation Friday [23RD]

Present

The Hon^BLE: Thomas Pitt Esq^R: President & Governour
M^R: John Styleman — M^R: William Fraser
M^R: Francis Ellis — M^R: Roger Braddyll
M^R: Thomas Wright — M^R: Matthew Empson

Vincatee Kisna &c^a: Tobacco Farmers paid into the R^t: Hon^ble: Companys Cash on the 20^th: Instant Pag^s: two Hundred and fifty for one month ending the 16 November 1698. And Frances Monk &c^a: Arrac farmers Pag^s: two hundred and fifty for the month of November 1698.

Thomas Wigmore Secretary pays into the R^t: Hon^ble: Comp^s: Cash Pag^s: 55: 20 fan^s: being halfe a years salary ending the 25^th: March 1698, due to Cap^t: Matt^s: Warlinghooffe, in his hands, but not paid, and orders since given to Fort S^t: David for makeing the same good to him there.

Ordered that the following particulars be sent on Ship Wellfare to Fort S^t: David Viz^t:

Pag^s:	7000.
Broad cloth redd, bales	10.
Match Bengall, Candy	2.
Guilded paper, Quire	2.

Ordered that Pag^s: 693: 11: 45 be paid to Gunner Atkinson for Eight Guns weighing 173 cwt: :—: 27 lb. bought of him at four Pag^s: ℔ hundred.

A parcell of Bricks offering to sale at 1600 ℔ Pag^o: the buyer fetching them. It is resolved that they be bought for the R^t: Hon^ble: Comp^s: account.

The Accomptant is ordered to draw out an account of fines received at the Choultry and Court of Admiralty from October 1695 to October 1698.

M^r: Matthew Empson Paymaster read his account disbursements for the month of Nov^r: last particulars Viz^t:

Charges Garrison	Pag^s:	1166: 5
Charges Diett		301: 17
Charges Generall		364: 29
Charges Merchandize		359: 21
Stores		368: „

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Vizagapatam	...	...	...	...	...	...	=: 18
Charges Cattle	...	...	...	...	...	...	20: 12
Metchlepatam	...	...	...	...	...	...	64: 2
Charges Extraordinary	...	...	...	...	...		7: 15
West Coast ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5: =
Fort St. David	...	...	...	...	...	...	= 30
Fortifications and repairs	...	...	...	...	...		56: 28
						Pags:	2714: 33

Ramapa the present Chief Dubash having desired to be discharged from that Employment, It is resolved that he be discharged the last of this month.

Ordered that Mutamarra Shroffe be paid two Pags: a month for Shroffing the Companie's money received by the President, Sea Customer, Godown Keeper, Paymaster &cª:

Mr: Francis Ellis Warehousekeeper pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: 1500 on account goods sold and account Outcry.

Ordered that one thousand Pagodas: be paid to Mr: Matthew Empson Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

THO: PITT.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R: BRADDYLL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

27. Receiv'd a Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated the 24th: Instant.

28. Dispatch'd a Generall Letter to Messieurs Lovell and Woolstone at Metchlepatam.

THURSDAY 29TH. ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR
MR: MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: MATTHEW EMPSON
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN *indisposed.*

Mr: Empson produces an account of the sale of what found belonging to Mr: Keeling deceas'd, by outcry, and pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 24: 10: 30 the balance thereof deducting his funeral charges.

Mr: Thomas Wright Sea Customer pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 431 on account Sea Customs.

There having been of late Custome taken for wearing apparell and other necessaries of small value brought ashore by severall persons for their own use, which has caused much grumbling and discontent.

It is resolved, that for the future no Custom be taken for apparell brought ashore by any person for their own wearing, nor for any other necessaries for their own use and not for sale, wch: is left to the discretion of the Sea Customer.

Mr: Francis Ellis read his warehouse and Storekeepers acccounts for the months of Novr: last. Also his Callico warehouse accounts for ditto month.

Ordered that five thousand Pagodas: be paid to Serapa &cª: Chief Merchants, being so much due to them on their Contract dated the primo August 1698.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, DECEMBER 1698*—— [29TH]

Ordered that two Hundred Pag^{s} : be paid to Yeamana &c^{a} : Painters.
Order'd that Blank Commissions be drawn out for two Ensigns.

THO: PITT.
WILL: FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R: BRADDYLL
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

LIST OF PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE R^{T} : HON^{BLE} : ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY IN FORT S^{T} : GEORGE &C^{A}: PLACES ON THE COAST OF CHOROMANDELL.

	Arrivall in India.	Present Degree.	Salary
1. Thomas Pitt Esq^{r}., his wife in England	July 7, 1698.	Gov^{r} :	200£
		Gratuity	100
2. John Styleman Accomp^{t} : & Judge Advocate ...		2 Council	100
		as Judge	100
3. William Fraser	May 31, 1685.	3 Council	70
4. Francis Ellis warehousekeeper	June 23, 1672.	4 Council	50
5. Roger Braddyll	April 13, 1683.	5 Council	40
6. Thomas Wright Sea Customer (married E. W.) ...	June 16, 1684.	6 Council	40
7. Matthew Empson Paymaster (married a Casteez).	July 20, 1687.	7 Council	40
8. Richard Watts		Sen^{r} : Merch^{t} :	40
9. John Meverell Prov^{l} : Land Custom^{r} : (married E. W.)	July: 22, 1687	Sen^{r} : Merch^{t} :	40
10. John Foquett Rentall Generall	Oct. 15, 1687.	Sen^{r} : Merch^{t} :	40
11. Richard Hunt under the Accomptant	... ...	Merch^{t} :	30
12. Stephen Frewen Searcher of the Sea Customs ...	February 3 169$\frac{2}{3}$	Merch^{t} :	30
13. Joseph Hiller (married E. W.)	Nov^{r} : 23, 1692.	Merch^{t} :	30
14. Thomas Wigmore Secretary	Nov^{r} : 23, 1692.	Merch^{t} :	30
		Gratuity	10
15. John Penford Assistant to the Land Customer ...	Nov^{r} : 23, 1692.	Merch^{t} ;	30
16. William Vandenanchor under the Accomp^{t}: ...	Nov^{r} : 5, 1689.	Merch^{t} :	30
17. Matthew Mead Attorny Gen^{ll}: and Sorter Entertain'd here (Married E. W.)	Gratuity for assisting in y^{e}: books January 1, 169$\frac{2}{3}$		5 30
18. Thomas Marshall Register (married E. W.) ...	February 3, 169$\frac{3}{4}$	Factor	15
19. Gulston Addison receiver of the Sea Customs ...	Febr^{y} : 3, 169$\frac{4}{1}$.	Factor	15
20. James Eustace	Febr^{y} : 4 169$\frac{5}{6}$.	Factor	15
21. Henry Dobyns under y^{e} : Warehousekeeper in y^{e} : sorting Godown (married E. W.)	Febr^{y} : 19, 169$\frac{6}{7}$	Factor	15
22. George Shaw under y^{e}: Warehouskeep^{r}: in y^{e}: Godown of Europe Goods	February 19, 169$\frac{6}{7}$.	Factor	15
23. Charles Bugden under Searcher at the Sea Gate...	Nov^{r} : 23, 1692.	Factor	15
24. Thomas Harris translater of Jentue & to look after y^{e}: new towns	Nov^{r} : 23, 1692.	Factor	15
25. Joseph Hinmerse Prov$_{ll}$: Mintmaster	Octob^{r} : 1, 1692.	Factor	15
26. Thomas Matthews under the Paymaster	Nov^{r} : 21, 1697.	Factor	15
27. John Hatchinson at the Sea Gate ...	February 4, 169$\frac{5}{8}$.	Writer	5
28. Henry Davenport Steward	February 4, 169$\frac{5}{6}$.	Writer	5
29. Henry Marshall under the Secretary	Nov^{r} : 21, 1697.	Writer	5
30. Benjamin Fox under the Secretary	July 7, 1698.	Writer	5
31. George Lewis } Ministers.			
32. James Wendy }			
33. Nathaniel Stone Assaymaster.			
34. Edward Bulkley Surgeon.			

FORT ST. DAVID.

1. William Hatsell Esq^{r} : (married E. W.)		D: Gov^{r} ·	
2. John Haynes Boo'keeper (married E. W.)		2 Councill	40
3. Ralph Ingram Warehousekeeper (marr^{d} : E. W.)		3 Councill	40
4. Edmund Mountague Sea Customer		4 Councill	40
5. Richard Farmer Paymaster (married E. W.) ...	Sept 5, 1684.	5 Councill	40
6. Trevor Games Land Customer (marr^{d}: a Casteez)	June 6, 1688.	6 Councill	30
7. John Berlu Land Custom^{r}: of Tevenapatam		7 Councill	30
8. Robert Cranwell Assistant to the Sea Customer.	July 22, 1687.	Sen^{r}: Merch^{t} :	40

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	Arrivall in India.	Present Degree.	Salary.
9. Edward Bawgus Steward	Novr: 5, 1689.	Mercht:	30
10. John Rowland under the Bookkeeper	February 4, 169$\frac{5}{6}$.	Factor.	15
11. Edmund Bugden Secretary	Novr: 23, 1692.	Factor.	15
12. John Bulteel	Octobr: 1, 1692.	Factor	15
13. John Nicholas	Decr: 1694.	Writer	5
14. Thomas Faucett Surgeon			

Vizagapatam.

1. Simon Holcombe (married E. W.)	May 31, 1685.	Chief.	40
2. Samuel Owen Bookkeeper (marrd: Casteez) ...	July 30, 1682.	2d: Councill.	40
3. Thomas Stables warehousekeeper	... ...	3 Councill.	30
4. Richard Bridges Paymaster (marrd: E. W.)	October 1, 1692.	Mercht:	30
5. Edward Thompson	October 1, 1692.	Mercht:	30
6. Bezaliel Morrice Steward	February 3, 169$\frac{2}{3}$.	Writer.	30

List of Freemen Inhabitants.

1. Elihu Yale his wife in England.
2. William Cawley late of Councill of Fort St: George.
3. John Nicks late Chief of Conimeer married E. W.
4. Hammon Gibbon late chief Indrapora.
5. James Sowdon late Governour of York Fort.
6. Jeremiah Peachie late Chief of Maulda.
7. Daniel Du Bois late Chief of Vizagapatam married E. W.
8. Charles Fleetwood late Governour of York Fort.
9. William Proby married E. W.
10. Alvaro da Fonseca a Hebrew Merchant.
11. John Affleck married a Casteez.
12. Daniel Chardin married a French woman.
13. Charles Metcalfe married a Casteez.
14. Laurence Bridger married E. W.
15. John Wessendonck married E. W.
16. Samuel Glover married E. W.
17. Christopher Allen married a Casteez.
18. Simon Kilpatrick.
19. Edward Dutton.
20. William Mayhue married a Musteez.
21. Vicessimus Griffith married a Casteez.

List of Seafaring men not constant Inhabitants.

1. John Dolben Esqr: his wife in England.
2. Richard Trenchfield married a Casteez.
3. George Herron married a Georgian Woman.
4. Robert Masfen married E. W.
5. Armiger Gostlin married E. W.
6. William Brooks married E. W.
7. Edward Fleetwood married E. W.
8. James Howell married E. W.
9. John Wheeler married E. W.
10. William How.
11. Samuel Hart married a Casteez.
12. Richard Phrip married E. W.
13. John Gregory.
14. Samuel Vincent.
15. John Sewell.
16. Alexander Delgarno married E. W.
17. Charles Sherrer married E. W.
18. Henry Harnett married E. W.
19. Henry Griffith married a Casteez.
20. John Mabb married E. W.
21. William Handcocke.
22. John Wallis.
23. John Parham.

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24. Augustine Hart Dutchman.
25. John Cockroft married Musteez.
26. William Legatt married a Casteez.
27. William Stocke married E. W.
28. William Rider married E. W.
29. William Griffen.
30. Joseph Child.
31. Thomas Lane married a Casteez.
32. Zachariah Stilgo.
33. John Tyler.
34. Christopher Dixon.
35. John Smith.
36. Thomas Plumb married a Musteez.
37. James Harris.
38. Edward Bell married a Musteez.
39. Richard Williams.
40. William Ladd.
41. Benjamin Harris.
42. Andrew Goodman married E.W.
43. Francis Holt.
44. Joseph Lister.

WIDDOWS.

1. Winefred Bridger.
2. Elizabeth Carrell.
3. Ursula Oneal.
4. Mary Gifford.
5. Mary Ivory.
6. Mary Lacy.
7. Sarah How.
8. Mary Large.
9. Susanna Harbin.
10. Anne Browne.
11. Johanna Martine.
12. Margery Heathfield
13. Lucy Croke.

YOUNG WOMEN UNMARRIED.

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Anne Masters.
Isabella Budd.
Elizabeth Stubs.
Mary Man.
Elizabeth Dear.

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